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Pecos Animal Shelter Receives Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence Grant to Support Lifesaving in Pecos, Texas

Best Friends Animal Society awards \$20,000 to save 482 dogs and 240 cats.

[Pecos, Texas] [January 20, 2026] — Pecos Animal Shelter has been awarded a Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence grant from [Best Friends Animal Society](#), a leading national animal welfare organization working to save cats and dogs in America's shelters.

This competitive grant of \$20,000 supports lifesaving efforts in Pecos and the surrounding West Texas area through a comprehensive animal transport and emergency medical care program. The grant funds will be used to transport at least 96 animals and provide lifesaving veterinary care to a minimum of 24 animals, supporting our larger goal of transporting approximately 500 animals to rescue partners throughout the south.

"This Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence grant means that we can save dogs and cats lives," said Kristi Wright "These lives deserve saving, and we deeply appreciate the support from Best Friends and the Rachael Ray Foundation — it will help us, and our community, reach this lifesaving goal."

The Pecos Animal Shelter is one of 53 shelters and rescues from across the country to be awarded Rachael Ray Save Them All and Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence grants in 2026. The grants in total are projected to save or impact over 19,000 cats and dogs.

"The Pecos Animal Shelter was selected among 320 applicants to receive a Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence Grant because of its innovation, dedication, commitment, and readiness to save pets' lives," said Whitney Bollinger, Director of Strategy & Network Operations, Best Friends Animal Society. "We are so proud to provide grant funding to support the Pecos Animal Shelter's critical lifesaving work in Pecos!"

The Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence Grants is a grant program, administered by Best Friends and funded by [The Rachael Ray Foundation™](#), that provides grants to shelters for euthanasia reduction initiatives. The Rachael Ray Foundation helps animals in need and is funded by a portion of proceeds from each sale of Rachael's pet food, Nutrish®.

Learn more about Pecos Animal Shelter's lifesaving programs by visiting their website pecostx.gov/196/Animal-Control, and by following Pecos Animal Shelter on [Facebook](#). Make a lifesaving impact by volunteering, adopting, or fostering.

To learn more about Best Friends, visit bestfriends.org.

About Best Friends Animal Society

Best Friends Animal Society is a leading animal welfare organization dedicated to saving the lives of dogs and cats in America's shelters and making the entire country no-kill. Founded in 1984, Best Friends runs lifesaving facilities and programs nationwide in partnership with more than 5,500 shelters and rescue organizations. From our headquarters in Kanab, Utah, we also operate the nation's largest no-kill animal sanctuary — a destination that brings our mission to life for thousands of visitors each year. We maintain the most comprehensive animal sheltering data in the country and make it accessible to the public — empowering communities with critical insights into the needs of their local shelters and how they can help. We believe every dog and cat deserves a home. And we believe that, by working together, we can achieve No-Kill Excellence®. For more information, visit bestfriends.org.