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## **BARKITECTURE: \$20,000 GRANTED TO LOCAL ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Animal Lovers of Austin, Inc, presenters of Barkitecture, announce the allocation of \$20,000 in grants to seven local animal welfare organizations. The benefitting organizations Austin Boxer Rescue, Blue Dog Rescue, Cocker Spaniel Rescue of Austin & San Antonio, Emancipet, Austin Greyhound Adoption, Humane Society of Williamson County, and Love-a-Bull, Inc.. Funds raised through sponsorships, silent auctions, and sales of one of a kind doghouses from local architects, designers and builders were used to fund the grants. Barkitecture, an annual event in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street District, was held on October 1, 2011 with the communities of Edgewick and Gabardine as the presenting sponsors.

The grants, determined by the Animal Lovers of Austin, Inc. Board of Directors, were made using a variety of criteria including quality of the application, potential impact and scope of the funds requested, and participation of the organizations in Barkitecture activities. Funds will be used for a wide variety of purposes including medical bills, training, interim boarding and much more. Barkitecture grants also are funding some unique programs this year including the following:

- The MOWAM (Meals on Wheels and More) program which provides free spay/neuter and preventive vet care to the pets of MOWAM clients – typically homebound, low income senior citizens. For many clients of MOWAM, these pets are the main source of companionship and truly enhance the quality of life for their human owners.
- Establishment of a special Critical Care Fund for one group which would be used to address immediate needs of animals in need such as emergency surgeries or higher cost treatments most rescues are unable to pay for through standard adoption fees like heartworm treatment or orthopedic issues. This fund will help ensure no animal is euthanized simply because of the cost of a medical treatment for an otherwise adoptable pet.
- Critical renovations to one organization's medical clinic including the addition of isolation units for pets suffering from contagious diseases such as Parvo. Parvo can often be a death sentence, especially for young animals and for a high volume shelter, ensuring these animals are kept separate while still receiving maximum available care is critical for the entire operation.

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### About Animal Lovers of Austin, Inc.:

Animal Lovers of Austin, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization created to help raise awareness and funding for local area animal rescues. Proceeds from our events are granted to these groups for veterinary care, spay/neuter surgeries, and community outreach.