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## **Midland Humane Coalition Announces the Acquisition of a New Rescue Facility in Midland — the Joe and Van Mabee Animal Rescue Center**

**Midland, TX - October 5, 2021:** Midland Humane Coalition (MHC) announces the recent acquisition of its new facility - The **Joe and Van Mabee Animal Rescue Center (Mabee ARC)**.

The new Mabee ARC will be operated by Midland Humane Coalition as an auxiliary facility to its PetSmart Enhanced Adoption Center (EAC). It will provide the much-needed space to prepare rescues for adoption.

*“One of our biggest challenges was finding enough foster homes who could readily take a rescue in whenever needed. With the additional facility, we’re hoping to have a safer and more streamlined intake and vetting process. Our goal is to create a healthy environment, improve safety and to help reduce the euthanasia rate by sufficiently prepping animals and getting them 100% ready for new homes,”* said Kristi Hennessey, MHC Board President.

This expansion came out of the need for sufficient space to quarantine, foster, rehabilitate and allow rescues to recover from stress/surgery/illness prior to placing them for adoption at the EAC. The 5,700 square foot facility standing on 2 acres will be able to house up to 60 dogs and 20 cats temporarily as they undergo the vetting process.

*“This new facility will greatly enhance our ability to do rescue work. It will enable us to safely take in new rescues, whether or not they have been previously vetted, and prep them for either local adoption or for transport to Northern areas with a greater demand for adoptable pets,”* said Vanessa Medina, MHC Executive Director.

The Mabee ARC has been an ongoing project since the launch of a capital campaign in 2016, which yielded generous donations from Joe and Van Mabee, Javid and Vicki Anwar, several foundations, private donors and a grant from Midland County. As a primary MHC donor and board member, the facility is named in honor of *Joe and Van Mabee*.

MHC was initially slated to construct a larger-scale building located on undeveloped acreage in northeast Midland. However, with the opening of the City of Midland’s new animal shelter and after considering the infrastructure and construction costs plus time required to build a brand new facility, the Board determined a more viable option was to purchase a turnkey facility. The former Wag N Tail Pet Resort building is nearly move-in ready and will enable MHC to get operations up and running in the least amount of time while affording room to build and expand in the future.

With minor renovations underway, MHC is already able to utilize the facility to foster several rescues and projects officially opening the Joe and Van Mabee Animal Rescue Center on November 11, 2021. Incidentally, this date also marks MHC’s 10-year anniversary opening of its first facility, the PetSmart Enhanced Adoption Center (November 11, 2011).

**About Midland Humane Coalition** Midland Humane Coalition (MHC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to partner with the community of Midland to end euthanasia of animals and to find Furr-Ever Homes for healthy, adoptable cats and dogs. Learn more on [www.midlandhumane.org](http://www.midlandhumane.org)

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