



PET COALITION
of Ellis County

Programs

Preventing Crisis Before It Begins

The Pet Coalition focuses on prevention—helping pets remain safely with their families and keeping animals out of an already strained shelter and rescue system. The Coalition connects families with low-cost veterinary care, microchipping, pet food support, and rehoming guidance to address root causes of abandonment and owner surrender.

This Stray Can Stay

Through *This Stray Can Stay*, residents are empowered to safely help stray animals in their communities with access to food, supplies, vaccinations, spay/neuter services, and adoption promotion. The goal is to create positive outcomes for stray animals without automatically adding them to overcrowded shelter and rescue systems.

Keeping Families Together

The Coalition helps families access resources that can prevent a pet crisis from becoming a family crisis. Pet food assistance, veterinary resources, microchipping, and rehoming guidance can help families overcome challenges while keeping their pets safely at home.

Pets & Domestic Violence

Through its partnership with **The Heights of Ellis County**, the Coalition provides resources and shelter for pets belonging to victims of domestic violence. This work helps remove a significant barrier that can prevent survivors from leaving an unsafe situation when they fear what will happen to their animals.

Building a Stronger Animal Welfare Network

The Coalition works collaboratively with local shelters, rescues, animal welfare partners, community leaders, businesses, volunteers, and residents. Rather than duplicating existing services, the Coalition connects resources and strengthens the community's overall capacity to respond to animal welfare needs.