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To Whom It May Concern:

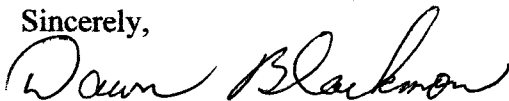
I am Dawn Blackmon, the director of Goliad Pet Adoption, a 501-C3 non-profit animal adoption group through our local City Animal Shelter. We are from a very small, rural community, but our animal intake is large in comparison. We began our program approximately 4 ½ years ago. We have had limited success in adopting our dogs and cats, mainly due to the fact that we do not have access to high traffic adoption sites. The closest large cities are Austin and San Antonio, and they are both 2 ½ to 3 hours away from Goliad. Our City Shelter has 6 dog kennels, so therefore all of our 50 some odd dogs are being fostered in only 3 foster homes, and our group has only 6 volunteers to take care of the entirety of our program. So as you can imagine, we are overwhelmed.

Austin Humane Society and the Humane Society/SPCA of Bexar County has graciously helped us in the past, by taking in our small dogs and puppies, which allowed us to have kennel space for the large dogs that come into our program. But our foster homes are now bursting with large dogs. No one, until now, has even offered to help us with our large dogs, as far as getting them to a good adoption location. That is where Andy and all the wonderful people with PawMatch have stepped in to offer their help.

They are willing to take our dogs to different locations around Austin and try to find them good homes, but the problem is the travel time back and forth between Austin and Goliad, daily. We just simply cannot afford the travel time or the cost of fuel. Andy has gone above and beyond, traveling down to Goliad to temperament test all our dogs, keeping in touch with us, and adopting a couple of our dogs on the one weekend that we were able to take them up to Austin, and we see PawMatch as our one ray of hope. We have dogs that are waiting to be accepted into our program, but no kennel space to house them, and down here, people don't wait very long, before they either shoot the dog or dump them on some back road. As you are well aware, the more dogs we can get out in front of the public, the more dogs we can find homes for, the more dogs we can save. I'm just hoping we can all work together for the sake of the animals. To my knowledge, there is not another program like PawMatch in existence, and the way I see it, PawMatch is a Godsend to small rural communities like ours.

Thank you for your time and your dedication.

Sincerely,



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