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**SPCA of Texas features
Perry Ambulance Service Injured Animal Hotline
*Service Provides Help to Dallas's Injured Strays***

(DALLAS, TX) August 29, 2005—In an effort to help the city's injured stray animals, the SPCA of Texas is proud to feature the Perry Ambulance Service, an extension of its Rescue & Investigations department.

The Perry Ambulance Service is funded through a generous grant from the Phoebe and Russell H. Perry Fund of the Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc.

“Through Mrs. Perry’s generosity, we can devote much-needed attention to this critical area,” said James Bias, president of the SPCA of Texas. “We have long wanted to address the problem of injured stray pets on our streets and until now have provided a limited service of rescue through our Rescue and Investigation department.”

The SPCA’s Rescue & Investigations department is specifically designed to investigate and rescue animals—including livestock and wildlife—that have been neglected or abused. However, because of lack of funding, actual pick-up and treatment of injured animals has always been limited at best, and when appropriate, referred to animal control or a wildlife agency.

A specially equipped jeep was purchased with funds from the Perry grant and dedicated staff and a separate phone line were also made possible.

The SPCA will respond to calls within Dallas city limits between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily. The injured animal hotline is (214) 651-PETS (7387). Field officers will evaluate injured animals and transport them to the SPCA, Highland Park Animal Clinic or an emergency clinic for treatment.

The SPCA does not serve as Dallas Animal Control, which is city-funded, and the Perry Ambulance Service is not designed to respond to reports of uninjured strays.

“Thousands of animals are injured and may be dying because of lack of care, and we want to prevent further suffering among our stray animal population,” said Bias.

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