

Hello Board Members,

I would like to introduce you to Thundering Paws. We are a NON-PROFIT, NO-KILL animal sanctuary right here in Dripping Springs. We have been in operation since 2001 (almost 20 years!) and we help find forever homes for cats and kittens in Hays County. We also have a trap/spay or neuter/release program in which we allow people to borrow our live traps and give them training to help assist in this endeavor. We help rescue cats and kittens, get them healthy, and then adopt them out to loving homes. When people adopt with us the cat or kitten is fully vetted, meaning that it has been spayed or neutered, had all vaccines including a rabies shot, a flea treatment and a deworming treatment.

We participated in the Dripping Springs Farmers Market last year but because of Covid-19 we have so far refrained from doing it this year. We operate mainly through the donations from the good people in our community. While our main goal in being at the Farmers Market was to educate people and spread the word about the work we do in our community, we never received enough donations at the Market to cover our booth fee. We are a non-profit and therefore, it is difficult to justify participating in the Farmers Market.

Therefore, we are requesting that in the spirit of fostering a climate of civic engagement with non-profit groups in Dripping Springs, the Board consider waiving the booth fee for Thundering Paws. This would allow us to participate in this local event.

Please enjoy viewing one of our latest newsletters, which we call "Mewsings," from Thundering Paws. You can also visit our website at <http://www.thunderingpaws.org> for additional information about us.

Thank you for your consideration,

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