

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER OFFERS NEW CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD PAYMENT OPTIONS**

January 10, 2008 (Williamson County, TX) – Customers of the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter (WCRAS) now can make payments and charitable donations using credit and debit cards. Previously, the shelter only accepted cash or checks.

“Providing this convenient payment option to our customers is in keeping with our focus to make the collection process more efficient, more effective and more customer-friendly,” stated Cheryl Schneider, animal services director for the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter.

For donors, the WCRAS has an agreement with Secure Government Payment Solutions, Inc. ([www.sgps-usa.com](http://www.sgps-usa.com)) to allow individuals to donate using their Visa® or MasterCard® by visiting the WCRAS website at <http://www.wilcopets.org/>. The goal of this program is to give donors the ability to make their payments securely with a MasterCard® or VISA® debit or credit card twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, via the website. Customers using credit or debit cards with bonus rewards programs may, depending on their card's program, earn reward points, airline frequent flyer miles or cash back for paying their bills.

The Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shelter is located at 1855 S.E. Inner Loop in Georgetown. Adoption fees are \$85 which covers basic vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries, and a microchip. In addition, for dogs it will include heartworm screening and for cats FIV/FelV testing. To reach the shelter from IH-35, take Exit 259 and go east two miles. The shelter is located on the north side of the road just east of FM 1460. For more information, call 943-3322. Visit [www.wilcopets.org](http://www.wilcopets.org) for more information.