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Animal Trustees of Austin to host "Petcasso" pet artwork fundraiser

What: Animal Trustees of Austin, a local non-profit animal welfare organization, will host a fundraiser entitled "Petcasso: Animal Art from the Heart." The event will showcase and auction artwork created by animals throughout Austin.

Who: Dustin Villarreal, Director of Media Relations, will answer any questions about the event at d.villarreal@mail.utexas.edu. Missy McCullough, Executive Director of the Animal Trustees of Austin, can be contacted at (512) 615-4730.

When: A silent auction and dinner will begin the event at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17, with entertainment and a live auction to follow at 7:00 p.m. Checkout is at 8:30 p.m.

Where: Dell Jewish Community Center is at 7300 Hart Ln. Directions can be found by clicking here.

Why: The fundraiser is designed to raise awareness for lost, abused, and abandoned animals in Austin, as well as gain support for the clinics that treat them.

How: Founded in 1993, the Animal Trustees of Austin seeks to better the welfare of animals in Austin and the surrounding counties by raising awareness and providing services to those in need. More information can be found at the Animal Trustees of Austin website by <u>clicking here</u>.

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