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Animal Trustees of Austin to host pet artwork fundraiser

AUSTIN, Texas – Musical artists Sheryl Crow and Ray Benson don't seem to mind sharing the spotlight with other artists of a different nature . . . their pets. Either way, the “stars” seem to be aligning just right for the Animal Trustees of Austin.

The Animal Trustees of Austin, a local non-profit animal welfare organization, will host “Petcasso: Animal Art from the Heart” Sunday, Feb. 17 at the Dell Jewish Community Center. The fundraiser, where Crow and Benson’s animals have shown off their artistic talents, showcases art pieces made by animals in order to raise awareness for lost, abused, and abandoned animals in Austin.

All proceeds from the event benefit the organization’s emergency care program, “Emergency Care Cash Call,” which helps save the lives of critically injured animals.

“The ‘Emergency Care Cash Call’ was very successful last year,” said Shir Laves, the development director of Animal Trustees.

The event, already in its second year, uses three sources of fundraising, including sponsorships, auctions, and a silent auction for artwork done by animals. The artwork has even extended to other animals looking to get in on the action after last year’s success.

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“This year there are paintings by a pig, and a goat and one by two donkeys,” said Laves.

With a live auction of the pet’s paintings, music by Django’s Moustache and a catered dinner, it’s hard to keep this cat in the bag!

“A lot of people are telling us we’re the best kept secret in Central Texas,” said Laves.

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