



Fertilizer Plant Explosion Leaves Pets Wounded, Homeless Humane Society of Central Texas Asks Operation Kindness for Help

CARROLLTON, TEXAS (April 22, 2013)...Hundreds of pets have been displaced following the fertilizer plant explosion that rocked West, Texas, on April 17, 2013. To help as many animals as possible, the Humane Society of Central Texas has asked **Operation Kindness** for help freeing up space in local shelters.

"The Humane Society of Central Texas has asked us to take in as many dogs as we can from the Waco City Shelter, since Waco is just south of West. This will give the city shelter more space to house and care for animals that have been displaced by the explosion. We are honored to help the West community in any way that we can," said Sandi Laird, animal care director of **Operation Kindness**.

Operation Kindness is making room for the transferred animals through the generosity of its foster partners.

"The more space we have, the more animals we can take on from Waco and West," said Peggy Marshall, interim executive director for **Operation Kindness**. "**Operation Kindness** is calling on its foster families to help relieve the overcrowding in our shelter, so we can make room to help with the West tragedy."

Currently, West is considered a HAZMAT zone, and as such, people cannot pickup stray dogs, cats or livestock until the government deems it safe.

About Operation Kindness

Founded in 1976, **Operation Kindness** is the oldest and largest no-kill shelter in North Texas. Its mission is to care for homeless cats and dogs in a no-kill environment until each is adopted into a responsible home and to advocate humane values and behavior. On a daily basis, **Operation Kindness** cares for an average of 300 animals at the shelter, with more than 100 animals in foster homes. **Operation Kindness** has saved more than 75,000 animals since its inception, and it assists more than 3,000 dogs and cats each year. Learn more about **Operation Kindness** by calling 972-418-PAWS or by visiting

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