



## **Operation Kindness Foster Family Has Saved More Than 120 Animals**

### **Volunteer Foster Families Are Needed for Adult Dogs and Puppies**

CARROLLTON, TEXAS (Feb. 25, 2016)...The Kaufhold family began fostering for Operation Kindness – North Texas’ original and largest no-kill animal shelter – in July 2013 and continues to foster for the organization today, with six 8-week-old dachshunds puppies currently under their care. Over the past two and half years, they have helped save the lives and find forever homes for more than 120 dogs and cats.

Now is the time of year that Operation Kindness relies heavily on the support of foster volunteers like the Kaufhold family to keep up with the influx of animals that are surrendered to the shelter. With spring comes increased daylight, warm weather and the beginning of breeding season for dogs and cats – resulting in a flood of surrenders to shelters across the country.

“I love animals, and there is nothing better than the love and affection that my fosters give me,” says Shelley Kaufhold. “I choose to foster for Operation Kindness because I know that we are saving lives. I know that whatever has happened to these animals in the past or whatever happens to these animals in the future, they will have experienced love, kindness and happiness in our home. It’s a great opportunity for my children ages 17, 13 and 10 to give back. There are so few volunteer opportunities for younger kids, and this is one that everyone can participate in.”

“Operation Kindness does a great job of screening potential adopters, and I am happy to know that everything will be done to ensure that my fosters end up in great homes. They provide a wonderful support system. I know that I can always call the veterinary staff with any questions or concerns. I also feel like my efforts are truly appreciated, and we have a shared mission to save animals.”



Shelley holds Brigitta, Marta, Gretl, Rolf, Friedrich and Kurt, which are 8-week-old dachshunds puppies currently under her care.

Operation Kindness provides all the supplies and support needed to have a rewarding foster experience, including food, pen and medical support. There is no out-of-pocket expense required from fosters. The commitment can be as short as one day, a weekend or up to nine weeks. The foster volunteer chooses the timeframe that suits their schedule.

“With the support of our dedicated foster volunteers, we are able to save and place into forever homes more than 4,500 homeless dogs and cats each year. Our fosters help provide a safe place for animals to stay who are either too young for adoption, still nursing their young or just need a break from the shelter,” says Jim Hanophy, CEO of Operation Kindness.

To become a foster, candidates must submit a foster application online. Once completed, an Operation Kindness representative will be in touch to help begin the process. New fosters will be required to attend a training webinar within their first month of fostering. All fosters must be at least 21 years of age and allowed to have animals in their home.

### **About Operation Kindness**

**Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is the original 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 responsible homes and to advocate humane values and behavior. This year Operation Kindness will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and their achievement of saving more than 80,000 animals since their inception. The shelter assists more than 5,000 dogs and cats each year, caring for an average of 300 animals daily with another 100-150 animals in foster homes.

Join Operation Kindness in their mission to care for homeless animals by becoming a member of the Happy Tails Society. This group of dedicated friends provides a monthly gift to help pay for the medical care, medicine, food, shelter, nurturing and behavior training the pets need to have a second chance at life. Learn more about Operation Kindness at <http://www.OperationKindness.org> or on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/pages/Operation-Kindness/30251945822](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Operation-Kindness/30251945822)).

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