



Operation Kindness Requests Community Support During COVID-19 Pandemic

Community Members Can Support the Local Shelter from the Comfort of Their Home

CARROLLTON, TX (March 17, 2020) – As the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has Dallas-Fort Worth residents spending more time at home, [Operation Kindness](#), the leading no-kill animal shelter in North Texas, is asking the community to help the nonprofit continue providing the best quality of care for the shelter's animals either by fostering a pet during the quarantine or donating supplies.

Out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of their pets, volunteers, staff members and the community, Operation Kindness made the difficult decision to close the shelter and their Pet Food Pantry to the public through at least Mar. 31 as they continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation and follow the recommendations of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and local health and government officials. The well-being of everyone is the top priority of the nonprofit, especially for the dogs and cats that are currently in their care. To help as many pets as possible, Operation Kindness, waived adoption fees on Mar. 15 and Mar. 16 and adopted 82 animals into loving homes in the past week. Now, Operation Kindness is looking to the community for support in fulfilling an immediate need for supplies and foster families for 30 adult cats and 15 adult dogs.

"For over 40 years, we have saved the lives of over 105,000 animals in North Texas with the generous support of the surrounding community," said Bob Catalani, CEO of Operation Kindness. "Now we need the support of the community more than ever. We know that some people may feel helpless confined to their homes, but we want everyone to know that they can make a profound difference in the life of a homeless dog or cat even from the comfort of their own couch. Every bit helps and we are grateful for all our supporters do for the animals."

Here are the ways in which the community can support Operation Kindness:

- **Fostering** – There's no better way to alleviate the loneliness and boredom that may come from a quarantine than fostering a furry friend. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Operation Kindness is offering training and support or one-on-one sessions via appointment as well as a digital handbook to prepare their foster family volunteers, as well as providing food and other pet supplies to their foster families.
- **Donations** – Donations provide Operation Kindness the necessities they need to continue operations and function as close to normal as possible during the quarantine. Donations, be it through food, supplies or through a generous monetary donation, will allow the animal shelter to continue providing medical care and the best environment and quality of life for their animals until they are adopted into loving and responsible homes.

IMMEDIATE SUPPLIES NEEDED AT OPERATION KINDNESS:

- Canned chicken for dogs in the animal hospital
- Potty pads for foster families with puppies and dogs that are working on potty training
- Gallon-sized Ziploc bags that will be used to send home food and supplies to fosters
- Small cardboard cat scratchers for cats and kittens going to foster homes
- Cat toys for cats and kittens in foster homes

Operation Kindness has created a contactless process to collect community donations daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Donations can be left at the nonprofit's front door, located at 3201 Earhart Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006. Community members can ring the front door and leave. A staff member will walk out to collect the donations so there is no person-to-person contact.

Additionally, Operation Kindness has updated its Amazon wish list if community members would like to ship items directly to the nonprofit: <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/ch/list/75-1553350>

Envisioning a world where all cats and dogs are adopted into a safe and loving home, animal wellness drives the very foundation of Operation Kindness. For over 40 years, the animal nonprofit has been a safe haven by fighting the heartbreaking issue of pet homelessness in North Texas. Through a variety of programs, partnerships and resources, extensive care is provided to over 400 pets daily and 5,000 annually.

Operation Kindness is the leading no-kill animal shelter in North Texas where every member of the team, from executives to volunteers, prioritize the health and wellness of every animal. Going above and beyond to give the care and kindness that animals deserves provides them an opportunity to obtain a happy and healthy life. Utilizing the strength of the community is how Operation Kindness thrives through uncertain times, and the organization encourages those who can lend a hand to support the animals who are looking for a family and additional care that they deserve.

To learn more about Operation Kindness and their efforts to save homeless animals, visit <https://www.operationkindness.org/aboutUs>. For more information about their volunteer and fostering opportunities, learn more at <https://www.operationkindness.org/volunteer> and <https://www.operationkindness.org/volunteer3>.

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About Operation Kindness

Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is the original no-kill animal 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. As an advocate for humane values and behaviors, Operation Kindness has been able to save more than 105,000 animals since its inception. The shelter assists more than 5,000 cats and dogs each year, caring for an average of 400 animals daily. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit their website at <https://www.operationkindness.org/>.

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