



Rescue Dogs Start Their New Lives on the Right “Paw” Operation Kindness Offers Complimentary Training Classes with Puppy Adoptions

DALLAS (April 14, 2016)—[Operation Kindness](#) – North Texas’ original and largest no-kill animal shelter – is helping rescue dogs begin their new lives in their forever homes on the right paw by offering two complimentary training classes with every adoption made on Wednesdays from April 20 through June 1, 2016.

“Our goal is to help dogs and their new owners have the happiest start to their new lives together. We believe providing complimentary training classes to new owners will ease the dog’s transition into its forever home,” says Jim Hanophy, CEO of Operation Kindness. “Lack of training is one of the main reasons dogs are surrendered to shelters, but with the right training, common issues like potty training, socialization, dominance and other obedience concerns can easily be addressed.”

Rebecca Kleinberg, a certified professional dog trainer and owner of [What An Obedient Dog](#), will host two puppy/beginner classes at Operation Kindness. As a part of the course and using positive dog training methods, puppy and beginner dogs will learn the basics of puppy training and adult dog training including commands such as watch me, sit, down, release, come, stay with distance, stay with duration, leave it, drop it, and take it. Additionally, dogs will learn how to walk on a leash, fun tricks and much more.

Unwanted behaviors such as jumping, chewing, barking, nipping, biting, digging, etc. will be discussed, and Rebecca will also address safe toys, chew toys, emergency recalls to help in case of door dashing and dog body language. Owners will receive the first two sessions free and will be able to register for the three additional classes of the 5-week program at a discounted price of \$40.

Adoption fees are \$185 for dogs/puppies and help cover the costs of caring for the animals at Operation Kindness, such as food, medicine, tests, spay/neuter surgery, other surgeries, medical procedures, rehabilitation and recovery. Any donations over the stated adoption fees are greatly appreciated. On average, Operation Kindness spends more than \$380 for each animal in their care.

With the adoption of every animal, adopters receive:

- Adoption counseling to help the adopter select the dog best suited to his/her needs, family and home environment



Prissy, a 2-month-old hound mix, is available for adoption at Operation Kindness.



Charlotte is a 5-month-old beagle and Boston terrier mix available for adoption at Operation Kindness.

- Pet care and educational materials
- Temporary leash for dogs
- Operation Kindness tag with animal ID
- Microchip ID and registration
- Rabies tag for animals over 4 months of age
- Pet care starter kit with food samples and helpful information
- Spay or neuter surgery (if not previously done due to young age or medical reason)

In order to adopt an animal from Operation Kindness, you must:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Have a valid, government-issued photo ID with your current address on it
- Be able to verify that you can have a pet where you live

About Rebecca Kleinberg

Rebecca Kleinberg has been in the pet industry for 15 years doing professional dog training. She earned her professional dog trainer certification from Animal Behavior College in 2003. She is a Canine Good Citizen Evaluator for the AKC. This designation indicates a dog is well-mannered and ready for therapy dog or service dog work. She has programs to train service dogs for the mobility needs of the disabled and the deaf. She is also an Animal Behavior College Mentor, helping to train new students for their new, exciting careers as dog trainers.

Rebecca has taught all levels of positive dog training, including dog obedience classes and training for puppy kindergarten, dog socialization, beginner dog obedience, good manners, intermediate dog obedience, leash walking, advanced dog obedience, heeling, tricks and advanced tricks. She also has worked with behavioral issues such as leash aggression, dog-to-dog aggression, shy dog, fearful dog, introduction of new baby and dog, and introduction of new dog to current dog. She is motivated, enthusiastic and makes her dog obedience classes and in-home private dog training fun and entertaining.

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. In 2016, Operation Kindness will celebrate their 40th anniversary and their achievement of saving more than 80,000 animals since their inception. Annually the shelter assists more than 5,000 dogs and cats, 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).

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