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Operation Kindness Joins BISSELL Pet Foundation National Shelter Alliance

Network of Shelters Will Support Communities and Pets During Geographical Challenges

CARROLLTON, TX (June 8, 2021) – [Operation Kindness](#) joins the [BISSELL Pet Foundation National Shelter Alliance](#) in partnership with the BISSELL Pet Foundation and [Code 3 Associates](#) to maintain and encourage animal welfare advancement with consistent access to crisis management and stabilization programs for shelters across the country. The leading lifesaving shelter in North Texas will work closely with the BPF National Shelter Alliance to build strong relationships, have access to disaster planning and response efforts, and serve as a resource to save the lives of homeless pets in need of kindness and care.

Understanding that many animal shelters are overwhelmed or underprepared for regional or weather-related constraints, the BPF National Shelter Alliance program is a response effort to ensure animal shelters have what they need to respond to disaster and non-disaster situations. The BPF National Shelter Alliance program will support Code 3 Associates with the placement of animals in times of need and work with shelters to prepare them before and after a disaster.

The alliance also intends to work with local and national organizations to create a collaborative platform to empower animal shelters, support existing programs where needed, and make connections that strengthen state and regional networks. The BPF National Shelter Alliance aims to provide a collective voice for animal shelters and the communities they serve.

"While we are embarking on an exciting time in animal welfare with many shelters no longer euthanizing for space, BISSELL Pet Foundation is focused on shelters that remain overwhelmed," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. "Together, with Code 3 Associates and our incredible BPF National Shelter Alliance partners, we will break down the remaining barriers impacting pet homelessness that include disaster preparedness and vital training and mentorship."

"Code 3 Associates is excited to partner with BPF on this program to help achieve one of our mission goals of making a real difference for shelters at the boots-on-the-ground level", said Eric Thompson, Executive Director of Code 3 Associates. "Code 3 and BPF are combining efforts to build stronger, disaster capable communities for people and their pets."

Operation Kindness joins the national shelter alliance as a member because of an aligning mission. With an emphasis on animal welfare and safety, Operation Kindness provides pets with a second chance at an excellent quality of life by offering animal enrichment, medical treatment, behavioral training, food security, adoption and fostering opportunities, and a safe haven until each animal ready for adoption. As an alliance member, Operation Kindness will have a greater chance to expand awareness and positively impact the lives of pets.

"Operation Kindness is excited to partner with the BPF National Shelter Alliance to enhance our lifesaving capabilities. Teamwork is one of the greatest benefits we have to advance animal welfare, and with this opportunity, we're grateful for the chance to increase our efforts to support our communities and the animals in them.," said Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness. "We're proud to partner with the BISSELL Pet Foundation and Code 3 Associates."

Continuing to make a powerful impact in the North Texas community, Operation Kindness is the leading lifesaving shelter with a mission to raise awareness and find solutions to address the complex issue of animal homelessness. With its partnerships, programs, resources, and community support, the nonprofit provides an excellent quality of life for every dog and cat at the shelter until they're ready for adoption.

With humane values and behaviors at the forefront of the organization, Operation Kindness envisions a world where all pets receive the love, kindness and care they deserve.

To learn more about the BISSELL Pet Foundation Shelter Alliance, visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org/shelter-alliance/. For more information about Operation Kindness and its animal lifesaving efforts, visit www.operationkindness.org.

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About Operation Kindness

Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is a pioneer in North Texas for providing assistance to animals in need of medical care, companionship, and most of all, a home. As an advocate for humane values and behaviors, Operation Kindness has been able to save more than 112,500 animals since its inception. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit www.operationkindness.org.

About [BISSELL Pet Foundation](http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org):

BISSELL Pet Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, microchipping and emergency support. Founded in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, BPF is an extension of her long-standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. BPF has since partnered with 5,250 shelters and rescues across the U.S. and Canada to help pets find loving homes. The foundation is supported by generous donors and BISSELL Homecare, Inc where every purchase saves pets. To learn more, visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org.

About [Code 3](https://code3associates.org/):

Code 3 Associates is dedicated to providing professional animal disaster response and resources to communities, as well as providing professional training to individuals and agencies involved in animal related law enforcement and emergency response. Our mission is accomplished through hands-on animal rescue and care operations during disaster events; and through our certified animal welfare training seminars which include animal cruelty training for investigators. To learn more, visit <https://code3associates.org/>

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