



OPERATION KINDNESS

Operation Kindness Seeks Donations for Pet Food Pantry to Support Community and Pets Facing Uncertainty

Replenishing Pet Food Assistance Program Will Aid Those in Need

CARROLLTON, TX (July 24, 2020) – The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is vast, and many families continue to face hardships including covering the cost of basic necessities. Local organizations are seeing an increase in demand for their programs and services including the Pet Food Pantry run by [Operation Kindness](#), the leading no-kill animal shelter in North Texas. The Operation Kindness Pet Food Pantry provides temporary food assistance to help individuals in the community continue to keep and sustain their furry friends with necessities like food and litter. The nonprofit is asking for the community's support because while they are experiencing a higher demand than ever before, donations to the Pet Food Pantry have dropped 50%. The shelter relies on donations to continue servicing the emergency needs in the community, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

During the month of June, the nonprofit distributed 6,502 pounds of dry food, 23,782 ounces of canned food and 714 pounds of cat litter. The need for assistance remains constant, and Operation Kindness continues to seek donations in support of their program as it allows them to do their part to help the community during difficult times. Operation Kindness also utilizes their programs to provide food and supplies to other organizations in North Texas that benefit from in-kind donations. The nonprofit provides dog and cat food to 11 rescue groups and Meals on Wheels—a partnership that was established in April to ensure owners have what they need to care for their pets by helping hand-deliver dog and cat food.

"To know that there are families and pets in need and that we can help them is part of what we do at Operation Kindness," said Natalie Buxton, the director of marketing and communications for Operation Kindness. "It's one of the main reasons we established the Pet Food Pantry program. Currently we are experiencing a higher demand than ever before for assistance, and we have an immediate need for donations to help fulfill every request. The difference we make in the lives of dogs and cats is a rewarding experience, and we're continuously thankful to every supporter who supports and furthers our mission."



IMMEDIATE SUPPLIES NEEDED AT OPERATION KINDNESS:

- Canned/wet dog food
- Canned/wet cat food
- Dry dog food (unopened)
- Dry cat food (unopened)
- Cat litter

Donations of food, supplies or toys can be provided via contactless drop-off daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the nonprofit's front door, located at 3201 Earhart Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006. Community members can adhere to the recommended social distancing guidelines by ringing the bell at the front door and leaving.

A staff member will walk out to collect the donations, thereby avoiding person-to-person contact. Additionally, Operation Kindness has updated its Amazon wish list, and donors can ship items directly to the nonprofit: <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/ch/list/75-1553350>

The Pet Food Pantry services the community every Thursday from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by appointment only. Guests interested in the program may [fill out an application on Operation Kindness's website](#); pet food is available for up to three months upon approval. Guests must call Operation Kindness at 972-418-7297 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily to secure a 10-minute time slot. During the pickup window, a staff member will follow the CDC's social distancing guidelines when providing guests their supplies at the Pet Food Pantry's front door.

Caring for over 400 pets daily and 5,000 pets annually, Operation Kindness goes above and beyond to provide a safe environment for homeless dogs and cats in North Texas. Advocating for human values and behaviors, the shelter fights the heartbreaking issue of pet homelessness by providing lifesaving services and care they deserve until they are ready for a loving, responsible home. Relying on the generosity of the community, partnerships, programs, staff members and volunteers, the organization envisions a world where all pets find companionship, love and a second chance at a great quality of life.

To learn more about the Pet Food Pantry, visit <https://www.operationkindness.org/pet-food-pantry/>. To learn more about Operation Kindness and its efforts to save homeless animals, visit <https://www.operationkindness.org/about/>. For more information about adopting and fostering opportunities, visit <https://www.operationkindness.org/adopt/> and <https://www.operationkindness.org/foster/>.

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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 <https://www.operationkindness.org/>.

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