

## Banfield Foundation Donates \$125,000 Lifesaving Mobile Unit to Operation Kindness

The animal welfare non-profit's new mobile vehicle will bring more lifesaving care to places and animals that need it most

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Carrollton, Texas) –** <u>Banfield Foundation</u> generously donated a mobile veterinary unit to <u>Operation Kindness</u>, enabling the non-profit to expand existing community vaccine clinics as well as bring veterinary services to shelter partners. The mobile unit began serving the community on August 16, 2025, at their <u>free monthly</u> pet vaccine, microchip and spay/neuter event at <u>Inspired Vision Compassion Center</u> — a community-based food bank in Southeast Dallas.

In 2024, over 41,000 animals were impacted by Operation Kindness' community programs, which include community vaccine, microchip, spay/neuter, and wellness clinics, veterinary services for shelter and rescue animals, and veterinary forensic services. The new mobile veterinary unit will provide Operation Kindness' Community Initiatives team with an enclosed, temperature-regulated space to perform vaccinations and microchipping at clinics, which are often hosted outdoors to provide easy access for members of the community.

"Our mission is to create a kinder world for pets and the people that love them, which is why we are prioritizing affordable, accessible veterinary services to pets across Texas," said Meredith Jones, Chief Community Initiatives Officer of Operation Kindness. "Operation Kindness' new mobile unit will allow us to expand our services and bring lifesaving care to more animals in our community."

"Bringing more care to more pets in more place is our passion," said Kim Van Syoc, Executive Director, Banfield Foundation. "We know the need for veterinary care across Texas is rapidly growing and meeting those needs is critically important. Partnering with Operation Kindness to make that care possible, community to community, door to door, is what makes this work so meaningful."

The non-profit's Community Initiatives team will take the mobile unit south to Terlingua, Texas, on August 30, 2025, for a <a href="two-day community spay/neuter and wellness clinic">two-day community spay/neuter and wellness clinic</a>. The donated unit will allow Operation Kindness to comfortably perform free vaccinations and microchips, along with low-cost heartworm testing and prevention, during the summer heat of Labor Day weekend.

Media access and interviews available upon request to <a href="mailto:nrichter@operationkindness.org">nrichter@operationkindness.org</a>

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## **About Operation Kindness**

Operation Kindness, a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare organization, operates a lifesaving animal shelter and programs to assist people and pets. Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is a pioneer in Texas for assisting animals in need of veterinary care, companionship and most of all, a home.

In addition to pet adoptions and lifesaving medical care, Operation Kindness' programs provide foster care for vulnerable animals, behavior and training support for pet parents, affordable veterinary services for community pets, a pet food pantry, volunteer opportunities and professional training. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit their website at <a href="https://www.operationkindness.org">www.operationkindness.org</a>.

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