

Operation Kindness offers free public spay/neuter dog surgeries for eligible Dallas residents

Operation Kindness, a North Texas animal welfare non-profit, is saving more animal lives thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the Rees-Jones Foundation to offer free spay/neuter surgeries

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Carrollton, Texas) – Recognizing the critical role of spay/neuter surgeries in animal welfare, <u>Operation Kindness</u> has received a \$200,000 grant from the Rees-Jones Foundation for free dog spay/neuter surgeries in targeted Dallas zip codes. On surgery day, eligible dogs will receive core vaccinations, microchipping and pain medication for no additional cost.

Multiple surgery dates are available for community members to select from. Residents with the following ZIP codes are eligible for the program: 75208, 75211, 75212, 75216, 75217, 75224, 75227, 75228, 75232, 75241.

Surgeries will take place at Operation Kindness' <u>Lifesaving Partnership Hub</u>, located at 1771 Terre Colony Court, Dallas, TX 75212. Free transportation to and from the surgery site is available for dogs, with same-day pick up and drop off currently available at Inspired Vision Compassion Center, 2019 N. Masters Drive, Dallas, TX 75217.

"Operation Kindness is excited to provide community members with an easy, accessible and affordable way to spay and neuter their pets," said Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness. "We are proud of the nearly 64,000 pets we impacted last year through our programs and are committed to assisting more pets and the people who love them through this new initiative."

Spaying/neutering a pet not only curbs reproduction, but it can also provide health and behavioral benefits. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, animals that are spayed/neutered <u>average a longer lifespan</u> than pets that aren't. Different forms of cancer, such as breast cancer in female pets and testicular cancer in male pets, can be greatly reduced.

With the implementation of the free surgery dates through their Lifesaving Partnerships Hub, Operation Kindness aims to increase the number of to help ease the amount of homeless pets that overwhelm shelters. neutered in the community to help ease the amount of homeless pets that overwhelm shelters.

To schedule your pet for a surgery date, call or text <u>972-689-7394</u> or email <u>spayneuter@operationkindness.org</u>.

While services for cats are currently unavailable, Operation Kindness plans to expand low-cost services to cats soon. For updates, visit https://www.operationkindness.org/spay-neuter/.

Interviews available upon request.

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 www.operationkindness.org.

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