



## **Operation Kindness launches new Community Initiatives program**

Program to bring affordable, accessible veterinary services to underserved areas in partnership with Spay Neuter Network

CARROLLTON, TX (JULY 7, 2022) — [Operation Kindness](#) has launched its new Community Initiative program, which offers affordable and accessible veterinary services and other resources to community pets and their owners.

While our lifesaving shelter remains at the heart of our mission, we are expanding our reach to help people and pets that need us most.

Areas in Southern Dallas and rural parts of North Texas exist in “veterinary deserts.” Pets in these places lack access to veterinary services due to an absence of community clinics, high costs of services and an inability to be transported outside of their immediate area.

Our new program will bring affordable spay/neuter procedures, as well as vaccinations, microchipping and general wellness services to communities in need. Increasing the amount of spayed and neutered pets will help reduce pet overpopulation and offering wellness and vaccination services will improve overall community health.

*"I'm very proud of the high-quality veterinary services we provide to the animals in our care. Now, this new program will allow us to take services to people in the community – meeting them where they are. Our goal is to assist 8,000 additional pets per year through community initiatives,"* said Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness.

To get this program off the ground, we've brought in a team of experts, including a full-time veterinarian, support staff and leadership.

Serving as our [new Chief Community Initiatives Officer](#), Meredith Jones comes to Operation Kindness with extensive leadership experience from several nationally renowned animal welfare organizations. In her prior role as Vice President of Operations for the SPCA of Texas, Meredith led daily shelter and clinic operations. Her animal welfare experience also includes experience working with PetSmart Charities, PetFix Northeast Ohio, Pet Overpopulation Patrol, and BeyondFences.

*"I'm honored to join the team at Operation Kindness to launch this new program. These services will strengthen the bond between pets and their owners, keep pets in their loving homes, and improve all animals' health and quality of life in our priority communities,"* said Meredith Jones, Chief Community Initiatives Officer at Operation Kindness.

We are also pleased to announce [Dr. Rachel Redd](#) has joined the team to lead community veterinary services. Dr. Redd's worked in private practice for over eight years in her home state of New Mexico, where she spent time every week performing spay/neuter surgeries for the local shelter and affordable surgeries for the general public. In 2018, Dr. Redd moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth area and worked at the SPCA of Texas Spay/Neuter and Wellness Clinics for four years.

*"I am so excited to join the new Community Initiatives team at Operation Kindness to help bring high-quality, affordable veterinary services to communities throughout North Texas. Cost, transportation and language barriers can all prevent families from accessing*

*veterinary care. Our team will help overcome these barriers by bringing services directly into the community,”* said Dr. Rachel Redd.

Collaborations are a critical component of our new community initiatives. We will be enhancing our partnership with [Spay Neuter Network](#) to utilize their mobile clinic to reach priority areas, including Southern Dallas (defined as south of I-30) and rural regions that lack access to veterinary care. When we work together, we can impact even more animals than we could alone.

*"We are always excited to find innovative ways to work together with partners like Operation Kindness to help fill in service gaps. We know we can't fix the pet overpopulation problem alone and sharing resources like our mobile unit will help increase spay and neuter accessibility across the metroplex and surrounding areas,"* said Jordan Craig, Executive Director of Spay Neuter Network.

Community events will be added to our [online calendar](#).

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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. 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, and volunteer opportunities. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit their website at [www.operationkindness.org](http://www.operationkindness.org).

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### **About Spay Neuter Network**

Spay Neuter Network's mission is to eliminate pet overpopulation through spay/neuter, while empowering communities to care responsibly for dogs and cats. This mission is accomplished by providing free and affordable spay/neuter, wellness and vaccination services for dogs and cats across North Texas. Our goal is to reduce shelter intake and create compassionate communities free of homeless pets.

Spay Neuter Network operates three spay/neuter clinics, a surgery transport service for those with limited transportation, and a Mobile Animal Spay/Neuter Hospital (MASH) in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and surrounding 13 counties where we provide affordable pet vaccinations, sterilizations and pet care resources to more than 20 cities.

Spay Neuter Network performs more than 25,000 surgeries annually and provides wellness and preventative services for an additional 50,000 pets each year at little to no cost to pet owners in North Texas. To learn more about Spay Neuter Network or donate, contact 972-472-3500 or [www.spayneuternet.org](http://www.spayneuternet.org)

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