



North Texas' animal welfare organizations partnering to save more pets in Dallas

Operation Kindness, Rockwall Pets, Dallas Pets Alive and Hearts & Bones Rescue join forces to transform animal welfare in Dallas

CARROLLTON, TX (08/29/2023) — In a groundbreaking initiative aimed at improving animal welfare in Dallas, four leading organizations (Operation Kindness, Rockwall Pets, Dallas Pets Alive and Hearts & Bones Rescue) have united to form an unprecedented collaborative partnership.

These four entities, which collectively transfer more pets from Dallas Animal Services than any other organization, are taking an innovative step towards enhancing the lifesaving outcomes at Dallas Animal Services (DAS).

These four organizations account for nearly 50% of all the dogs and cats transferred from DAS this fiscal year. Of the 2,307 dogs and cats transferred from DAS since October 1, 2022, 1,277 have found rescue at Operation Kindness, Rockwall Pets, Dallas Pets Alive or Hearts & Bones. These four groups are committed to pulling an additional 1,000 dogs and cats from DAS in Dallas' next fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.



Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness

"We believe that by strategically working together, we can achieve more than we ever could individually. History has shown that when the local animal welfare community supports DAS, more lives can be saved," stated **Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness**. "Our shared passion for animal welfare and deliberate collaboration enable us to eliminate redundancy, identify gaps and fill them, creating a brighter future for Dallas pets."

The partnership comes as a response to the shared commitment of these organizations to address the challenges faced by homeless pets in Dallas. By leveraging their collective expertise, resources and networks, they intend to significantly increase the number of dogs and cats transferred out of DAS to find loving families.

"Rockwall Pets has partnered with Dallas Animal Services for eleven years. In that time, we have witnessed their vast improvements and the compassion their staff has for the animals in their care. We are eager to continue helping them raise their live release rate because it is the right thing to do," said **Jade Vice, Executive Director of Rockwall Pets**. "The shelter can't do it on its own and needs its rescue partners and community to come alongside them to maximize the lifesaving abilities of the D90 community. Rockwall Pets is working on new relationships to increase the number of animals we transfer from DAS and adding to our weekly adoption events with new and exciting special adoption opportunities."



Jade Vice, Executive Director of Rockwall Pets

One of the primary goals of this partnership is to maximize the impact of these organizations' collective efforts, resources, and networks. By collaborating closely with

Dallas Animal Services, they aim to broaden the reach of their life-saving efforts and improve the overall welfare of animals in the city.



Leslie Sans, Founder & Executive Director of Dallas Pets Alive

"Dallas Animal Services has been one of our most important shelter partners since Dallas Pets Alive's inception in 2012. We want to help DAS in whatever way possible so the animals that enter the shelter doors have the best possible opportunity for a positive outcome," said **Leslie Sans, Founder and Executive Director of Dallas Pets Alive**. "Collaboration is essential to lifesaving, so DPA is thrilled to work with other amazing, like-minded rescue partners to help shelter pets receive a chance at a loving home!"

"Hearts & Bones Rescue has been working with our local shelter partner, Dallas Animal Services, since the inception of the rescue.

We look forward to continuing to support their efforts through transport and adoption programs to achieve the shared goal of saving more animals in need," said **Whitney Fang, Executive Director of Hearts & Bones**. "We are proud to be a part of this coalition of animal welfare organizations that is constantly brainstorming, collaborating and learning for the benefit of the animals."



Whitney Fang, Executive Director of Hearts & Bones

The partnership aims to increase the number of transfers from Dallas Animal Services to the collaborating organizations' shelters and rescues, enabling more animals to receive the care, attention, and opportunities they deserve. Through coordinated efforts in transport, foster care, veterinary care, intake diversion and adoption programs, the organizations intend to reduce the euthanasia rate in Dallas.

Interviews are available by Zoom, phone or in-person. See [photos courtesy of Operation Kindness](#).

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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, and volunteer opportunities. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit their website at www.operationkindness.org.

About Dallas Pets Alive

Our mission is to promote and provide the resources, education and programs needed to

eliminate the killing of companion animals in North Texas. We take an innovative approach to animal rescue and believe in creating a paradigm shift in the way our community views animal rescue. Learn more at www.dallaspetsalive.org.

About Hearts & Bones Rescue

Hearts & Bones Rescue is a 501(c)(3) animal welfare organization dedicated to saving the lives of homeless dogs from the nation's most overburdened shelters and uniting them with loving adopters. Since its founding in 2017, Hearts & Bones has saved the lives of over 4,800 dogs thanks to the efforts of our incredible network of fosters, volunteers, and rescue partners. Learn more at heartsandbonesrescue.org.

About Rockwall Pets

Rockwall Pets is a 501(c)3 rescue organization dedicated to saving the lives of shelter dogs and cats using a variety of methods. As an all-volunteer, foster based rescue, all of our animals live in a loving foster home, with our dedicated team of foster parents, until their new family adopts them. Rockwall Pets is fortunate to have some of the most committed fosters and volunteers that help us host off-site adoption events every weekend, transport animals to our vet for medical care and so much more.

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