

Operation Kindness teams up with El Paso Animal Services to provide medical, surgical assistance

CARROLLTON, TX (October 28, 2022) — Operation Kindness' Community Initiatives team will be joining a team of relief veterinarians in an effort to help thousands of animals under the care of the <u>El Paso Animal Services Department</u> receive surgical care. This collaborative approach is a response to the nationwide veterinarian shortage, which is affecting the El Paso region with more than 20 veterinarian vacancies citywide.

From Oct. 21 to Nov. 7, our Community Initiatives team will join 7 other veterinarians and 3 veterinary technicians to help perform more than 2,000 spay and neuter surgeries for pets that are awaiting surgery at the El Paso Animal Services shelter and in foster care. These efforts are being coordinated by Operation Kindness and generously funded by Petco Love.

"Everyone involved is incredibly excited to partner with El Paso Animal Services to save more lives in their community," said Meredith Jones, Operation Kindness' Chief Community Initiatives Officer. "When partners like Operation Kindness and El Paso Animal Services collaborate on large efforts such as this, we know that we are truly making a difference for the animals and the people who love them. We look forward to continuing to partner to maximize these lifesaving efforts."

In just the first three days of procedures, more than 450 spay and neuter surgeries have been performed, with many more days to make our goal a reality.

To learn more about El Paso Animal Services, visit <u>www.elpasoanimalservices.org</u>.

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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 <u>www.operationkindness.org</u>.

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