

# Celebrate National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day with Operation Kindness on April 30

The holiday is the perfect time to adopt one of a record number of pets taken in by animal shelters this year

CARROLLTON, Texas (April 29, 2023) – Animal shelters across the country, like **Operation** <u>Kindness</u>, will be celebrating National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day tomorrow, April 30. The day brings recognition to shelter animals looking for new loving homes and encourages those interested in adding a furry friend to the family to consider adoption from a shelter.

## **Shelter Population Continues to Grow**

According <u>to Shelter Animals Count</u>, more than 6.5 million dogs and cats entered shelters in 2023. Shelters across America are seeing record-breaking pet intake numbers, and North Texas is no exception. Operation Kindness broke past records in 2023 by taking in 5,967 animals into its care, up 18% from the year before. From just January to March of this year, Operation Kindness has already taken in 1,495 dogs and cats in need of medical support, foster care, food, shelter and love.

The nearly 100 animals in Operation Kindness' care are seeking loving families to start their second chances with. From our senior dogs to our neonatal kittens, adopters have the opportunity to give the organization's shelter pets a fresh start in a safe and loving environment.

"At Operation Kindness, we believe that every animal deserves a loving home. National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of pet adoption and the incredible bond between animals and their humans," Operation Kindness CEO Ed Jamison said. "We are proud of the nearly 1,5000 pets who have been adopted from our shelter and found new homes in 2024, and we remain committed to the pets in and around our community."

Those interested in meeting a new furry friend can visit Operation Kindness' Carrollton shelter at 3201 Earhart Drive from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. Operation Kindness also has dogs and cats available for adoption located across the metroplex at select <u>PetSmart</u> and <u>Pet</u> <u>Supplies Plus</u> locations.

Interviews can be arranged upon request. B-roll can be found <u>here</u>.

### **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 <u>WWW.OPERATIONKINDNESS.ORG</u>.

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