



## **Operation Kindness Merges with Texas Unites for Animals**

The organization will expand its services to animal welfare training and conferences.

CARROLLTON, TX (October 3, 2023) — Texas-based animal welfare non-profit Operation Kindness is expanding its lifesaving animal services by entering the professional training space. The organization will now provide training and education for animal welfare professionals. To make this possible, the organization is merging with Texas Unites for Animals.

Texas Unites for Animals, a non-profit whose mission is to enhance professionalism in the animal welfare industry, hosts training opportunities and required continuing education courses for animal welfare workers. The organization also produces an annual conference for members of the animal welfare community. Texas Unites will now exist under Operation Kindness, who will provide greater financial and staff support to Texas Unites' work. Operation Kindness will also provide an expanded audience for Texas Unites' programming through connection to Operation Kindness's network of partners.

"It's Operation Kindness' aim to be of assistance to the animal welfare community wherever there is need," said Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness. "My vision is for Operation Kindness to be the animal welfare professional development and training leader in Texas. By bringing Texas Unites for Animals into our family, we'll be able to combine our resources and expertise to educate animal welfare professionals across the state."

Rebecca Langevin of Texas Unites said, "I am excited to see our two thriving organizations come together to strengthen services provided to the animal welfare community in Texas. With Operation Kindness's support, Texas Unites for Animals programs will continue to grow and expand as a state-wide resource to animal welfare professionals."

In Texas, animal control officers are required to earn 30 hours of continuing education training every three years. Certified Animal Welfare Administrators, Veterinarians and Licensed Veterinary Technicians also have continuing education requirements. Texas Unites training courses help animal welfare workers meet these requirements.

Texas Unites' annual conference is scheduled for April 26-29, 2024, in Austin, Texas. Information about the conference and upcoming Texas Unites trainings are available on the Operation Kindness website.

Interviews are available by Zoom, phone or in-person.

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

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