

Operation Kindness launches new behavior training workshops for the public



The Operation Kindness behavior team will now be offering in-person **training workshops** for pet parents to tackle common behavioral challenges with their pets. These training workshops will be offered at our main shelter in Carrollton and will be open to everyone, regardless of where your pet was adopted.

The goal of these workshops is to provide affordable training support to help families keep their pets happy in their loving homes. Sessions will address the most common behavior challenges that lead to pets being surrendered or returned to shelters. Our hope is that by offering these workshops, we can help pet parents work through their challenges and keep their pets, causing fewer pets to end up in shelters.

The workshops will be held by our behavior manager and trainer, Shonyae Johnson, and her team. Johnson is a California native who has been working in animal welfare for 14 years. She worked in two of the largest animal shelters in the country, Dallas Animal Services and LA County Department of Animal Care & Control, before coming

to Operation Kindness. Johnson has done private training, group training, corporate training and shelter behavior work. She is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed, Fear Free Shelter + Veterinary Certified and has her Animal Shelter Management certificate.

Our first workshop, The First 48, will go over early steps in adopting a pet. This includes choosing the right pet for your family, preparing your home and picking up the proper supplies for your new pet, introductions between family members and pets and much more! We are also working to develop additional puppy trainings to include help with destructive behaviors like chewing and inappropriate potty accidents.

The First 48 training seminars will take place at our Carrollton shelter, located at 3201 Earhart Drive, on the following dates.

Saturday, April 1 at 11 AM

Wednesday, April 26 at 6 PM

Sunday, May 14 at 10 AM

Wednesday, June 7 at 6 PM

The entry fee is \$20 and the training will be for pet parents only, so leave your pets at home to relax! You can find out more sign up and find more information on our [website](#).