



## Operation Kindness Announces 2024 Texas Unites for Animals Conference

The annual conference brings training and educational opportunities to animal control workers in Texas.

CARROLLTON, TX (January 22, 2024) — [Operation Kindness](#) is bringing new training opportunities to animal welfare workers in the state with the announcement of the annual [Texas Unites for Animals Conference](#), now a program of Operation Kindness. The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Unites for Animals Conference will be held at the Renaissance Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas, on April 26-29.

The Texas Unites for Animals program of Operation Kindness enhances professionalism in the animal welfare industry by hosting training opportunities and required continuing education courses for animal welfare workers. The Texas Unites for Animals Conference brings animal welfare professionals from all types of organizations together to collaborate on the shared goal of providing the best possible care and outcomes for animals.

*“The Texas Unites for Animals Conference brings the top animal welfare professionals in the state together for inspiration and education on how to strengthen our impact for animals in our communities,”* said Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness. *“Operation Kindness is excited to have a new role in developing the conference this year following our merger with Texas Unites for Animals.”*

The 2024 conference will feature an opening keynote presentation by title sponsor [Petco Love](#), plus programming covering a variety of topics, such as an animal law track created in conjunction with the Texas Humane Legislation Network and a shelter medicine track designed in collaboration with the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. Animal welfare organization Best Friends Animal Society, a leading animal welfare organization working to save the lives of cats and dogs in America’s shelters, is scheduled to present a keynote presentation titled Growing Expectations of Animal Services.

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 and the annual conference help animal welfare workers meet these requirements.

The 2024 conference is made possible through the generosity of Lone Star sponsor Petco Love, Heart of Texas sponsor Best Friends Animal Society and Monarch sponsor the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA).

Registration is now open for the Texas Unites for Animals Annual Conference. 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).

### **About Texas Unites for Animals**

Texas Unites for Animals' mission is to provide a system of information, support and guidance by enhancing professionalism in the animal welfare industry, strengthening the human companion animal bond, and promoting respect and compassion for all life.

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