

Due to Popular Demand, Local Animal Welfare Organizations Partner Again to Host Free Community Cat Fix Event

The May 10 event is coordinated by Operation Kindness, Dallas Animal Services and the SPCA of Texas

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Carrollton, Texas) – As temperatures rise in Texas and spring weather enters the forecast, North Texas animal welfare organizations brace for <u>kitten season</u>. During this time of year with more daylight and warmer weather, cats are more likely to become pregnant with kittens, increasing the kitten population in the area and at local shelters.

To prepare for this time of year, local animal welfare organizations Operation Kindness, Dallas Animal Services (DAS) and the SPCA of Texas are partnering to host another Free Community Cat Fix Event at Dallas Animal Services headquarters at 1818 North Westmoreland Road in Dallas. The May 10 event is a continuation of the three organizations' first event on April 12, which serviced 112 cats.

The event, funded by Dallas Animal Services, will be hosted at DAS in mobile units provided by the SPCA of Texas. Operation Kindness and DAS are providing veterinarians and vet techs for the event, making the goal of servicing 100 community cats (stray cats that are not personal pets) in one day possible.

"We had such a great response from the community for our first Community Cat Fix Event, and it is our goal to help pets in the greatest need," said Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness. "We're committed to helping reduce pet overpopulation through high-volume, high-quality spay/neuter events that have a significant impact on the number of homeless pets. Collaborating with our partners at Dallas Animal Services and the SPCA of Texas means that we can continue to combine our resources to have an even greater impact."

The event will provide free spay/neuter surgeries for 100 cats, with no limit on the number of cats each person can bring and all spots available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cats must be in a humane trap or hard-sided carrier, with one cat per trap or carrier. Check-in for cats begins at 7:00 A.M., with pickup at 3:30 P.M. Each cat will receive free spay/neuter surgery as well as a free microchip, ear tip and rabies vaccination.

"Dallas Animal Services is grateful to our local partners for helping us continue to bring these critical services to the community," said Paul Ramon, Director of Dallas Animal Services (interim). "Organizations like Operation Kindness and SPCA of Texas help us expand our ability to serve the pets and people of Dallas."

"The SPCA of Texas is proud to partner with Dallas Animal Services and Operation Kindness on this exciting event," said Chris Luna, JD, President & CEO of the SPCA of Texas. "We are pleased to

collaborate to serve the community cats of Dallas by loaning our two spay and neuter mobile vehicles. These vehicles will increase the number of surgeries performed on-site, ultimately making a greater impact on the welfare of community cats."

Photos from the April 12 Community Cat Fix Event are available <u>here</u>. Interviews are available upon request.

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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.

About Dallas Animal Services

Dallas Animal Services (DAS) is one of the largest municipal animal shelters in the country, taking in any Dallas pet in need, regardless of space. DAS serves tens of thousands of pets and even more people within the City of Dallas each year. DAS is working to reach and sustain a 90% Live Release Rate while prioritizing lifesaving, public safety, quality of life and the family unit.

About SPCA of Texas

Founded in 1938, the SPCA of Texas is a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare organization that operates two shelters, one spay/neuter clinic, one mobile adoptions vehicle and an animal rescue center, all located in Dallas and Ellis Counties, and maintains a team of animal cruelty investigators who rescue hundreds of animals from cruelty each year in North Texas counties. Moreover, the SPCA of Texas serves as an active resource center for an array of services that bring people and animals together to enrich each other's lives. The SPCA of Texas is not affiliated with any other entity and does not receive general operating funds from the City of Dallas, State of Texas, federal government or any other national humane organization. SPCA of Texas is dedicated to providing every animal exceptional care and a loving home. To learn more about the SPCA of Texas, visit www.spca.org.

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