

## Operation Kindness Asks Community to Welcome a Cat Home During National Adopt a Cat Month

The North Texas animal welfare organization has cats and kittens ready to join new loving homes

**CARROLLTON, Texas (May 31, 2024)** – Operation Kindness, the North Texas animal welfare organization, is calling on the community to help them celebrate National Adopt a Cat Month this June. The holiday comes at the peak of kitten season, when shelter cat populations are at an all-time high. With a shelter full of adoptable cats, and the upcoming National Hug a Cat Day on June 4, 2024, now is the perfect time to stop by Operation Kindness and add a new feline friend to the family.

"National Adopt a Cat Month is a time to recognize the incredible impact that adopting a cat can have on our human wellbeing and happiness," said Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness. "This is the time of year when our cat population rises, and we need more help finding loving homes for cats. We're always excited to show the community how fulfilling it can be to adopt an animal, giving them a second chance."

#### Be Ready for National Hug Your Cat Day on June 4, 2024

National Hug Your Cat Day is the perfect kick-off for National Adopt a Cat Month. This special day reminds us of the joy and comfort our feline companions bring into our lives. Hugging your cat not only strengthens the bond between pet and owner but also provides emotional and physical health benefits, such as stress reduction and the release of oxytocin.

## The Benefits of Adopting a Cat

Adopting a cat is a rewarding experience that brings numerous benefits to both the adopter and the pet:

Companionship: Cats make wonderful companions. They offer love and affection and can provide emotional support, which is especially beneficial for those living alone.

Health Benefits: Studies have shown that cat owners have lower stress levels, reduced risk of heart disease, and improved mental health. The calming presence of a cat can be therapeutic.

Saving Lives: Adopting a cat gives that homeless animal a second chance at life. Each adoption also frees up space at the shelter, allowing Operation Kindness to care for more animals in need.

Last year alone, Operation Kindness brought in and cared for nearly 3,600 cats. The organization has new cats available for adoption every day. Here are just a few looking for new loving families right now.

Glenn: Glenn is a charming and affectionate cat with a heart full of love. He loves nothing more than curling up in your lap for a cozy cuddle session. Glenn also has a curious streak, often spending hours by the window, watching the world go by.

Pepper: Sweet Pepper is the queen of relaxation! She loves to be brushed, pet and pampered and can always be found lounging in the comfiest spot in the room. When Pepper isn't busy perfecting her napping techniques, you can find her snacking on her favorite Churu treats.

Marnie: Marnie is a snuggle bug that loves to be cuddled. Whether she's curled up in her favorite corner or in the arms of one of her favorite people, this cat makes sure she's as comfortable as possible.

Tiger: Tiger is a social butterfly. He is friendly and vocal, often chirping to get extra attention. Tiger is very affectionate and loves to receive pets and head scratches.

These cats and so many more are available to meet at Operation Kindness' Carrollton Shelter or select Pet Supplies Plus and PetSmart locations. Now is the time to meet these lovable, huggable companions.

Interviews can be arranged by request. B-roll can be found here.

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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.

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