



**HUMANE SOCIETY
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Media Alert

The Humane Society of North Texas Announcement Regarding Management of Kaufman County Pet Adoption Center

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We regret to announce that the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) must make a change regarding the management of the Kaufman County Pet Adoption Center. HSNT began managing the shelter in April of 2022 after the opening of a 12,000 square foot state-of-the-art Pet Adoption Center that was approved as part of the 2019 Bond Election. After careful consideration and extensive efforts to address financial challenges, we find it untenable to continue operating under the current circumstances.

Our decision is rooted in financial realities. Despite our best efforts and dedication to the welfare of animals, HSNT has faced significant financial losses totaling close to \$600,000 in managing the shelter. When we initially agreed to manage the shelter, the terms of our contract were based on the county's estimate of how many animals would be coming through the facility. However, within the first month, we discovered that the actual number of pets in need of care was at minimum twice the amount that was forecast.

In response to this unexpected demand, HSNT took proactive measures including increasing staffing levels, adjusting intake parameters, and optimizing space. Despite these efforts, the contracted amount provided by the county continued to fall short of covering our operational expenses. We have repeatedly approached the county authorities to renegotiate the contract to reflect the actual costs of running the shelter, but unfortunately, our requests have not been met with willingness to adjust the terms.

As a non-profit organization committed to the welfare of animals, sustaining a loss of close to \$300,000 per year is simply not feasible. Therefore, we find ourselves with no alternative but to request that the county either increase the contract amount to align with the actual expenses incurred or we will be left with no other option other than to give notice that HSNT will terminate our contract.

We are deeply saddened by this turn of events, as our mission has always been to provide compassionate care for animals in need throughout North Texas. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the staff, volunteers, and supporters who have dedicated their time and resources to this partnership. We have truly enjoyed being a part of the Kaufman County community by not only providing services for unwanted or homeless pets, but also by offering low-cost vaccination clinics as well as providing vouchers for low-income residents to receive free spay/neuter surgeries for their pets.

It is our sincere hope that a resolution can be reached that ensures the continued care and welfare of the animals in Kaufman County.

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About the Humane Society of North Texas

Since 1905, the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) has worked to eliminate animal cruelty, promote humane values and end animal homelessness in North Texas. As an independent nonprofit organization, HSNT relies on the generosity of the public to help ensure there is a safe place for abused, injured, and homeless animals in the community. To make a lifesaving donation, please visit hsnt.org/donate or [Facebook](#). To learn more about HSNT, [visit hsnt.org](#), [Facebook](#), Twitter, [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [TikTok](#).