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# **THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS ASSISTS DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN SEIZURE OF 496 ROOSTERS AND CHICKENS SUSPECTED OF BEING USED FOR COCKFIGHTING**

**DALLAS, TEXAS – APRIL 17, 2024** – The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT), the Dallas Police Department (DPD), Operation Kindness (OPK), and Dallas Animal Services (DAS) joined forces in a collaborative effort resulting in the successful seizure of 496 roosters and chickens suspected to be involved in cockfighting activities.

Responding to a tip from concerned citizens, the Dallas Police Department conducted a coordinated operation to investigate and address the alleged cockfighting ring located within Dallas County. Upon arrival at the scene, authorities discovered a large number of roosters kept in conditions indicative of cockfighting operations. Recognizing the effort it would take to remove close to 500 animals from a residential property, DAS reached out to HSNT to help coordinate transport.

With the assistance of HSNT, DAS, and OPK's experienced animal welfare professionals and law enforcement officers from the DPD, the animals were safely and humanely removed from the premises.

"This joint operation exemplifies the importance of collaboration between law enforcement agencies and animal welfare organizations in combating animal cruelty," said Destiny Vandeput, Director of Communications at the Humane Society of North Texas. "We are grateful for the swift action taken by the Dallas Police Department and commend their dedication to protecting animals from exploitation and abuse."

Cockfighting is a cruel and illegal blood sport that inflicts immense suffering on animals and fuels organized crime. HSNT remains committed to working alongside law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute individuals involved in such illicit activities, while also providing care and shelter to the victims of animal cruelty.

The seized roosters are currently under the custody of the Dallas Police Department. The investigation into the cockfighting operation is ongoing, and authorities urge anyone with information regarding similar activities to come forward and report it to the appropriate authorities.

For more information about the Humane Society of North Texas and their efforts to combat animal cruelty, please visit [www.hsnt.org](http://www.hsnt.org).



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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](https://hsnt.org/donate). To learn more about HSNT, visit [hsnt.org](https://hsnt.org), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [TikTok](#), and [Instagram](#). **Pets and People, Saving Each Other®**

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