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Humane Society of North Texas and Partners Continue "Operation Pit Stop" to Provide 550 Free Spay and Neuter Surgeries for Pit Bull Breeds, the Most Euthanized Breed in North Texas Shelters

October 30, 2024 | FORT WORTH, TEXAS – Building on the success of previous years, the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) and Wings of Rescue are continuing their annual "Operation Pit Stop" initiative, offering 550 free spay and neuter surgeries for Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes during November and December 2024.

Pit Bull breeds represent the highest rate of euthanasia in North Texas animal shelters, a statistic HSNT and its partners are dedicated to changing through accessible, preventative care. With financial support from Wings of Rescue, Miranda Lambert's MuttNation Foundation, Virginia Hobbs Charitable Trust, and the Tinnin Family, HSNT is able to cover 100% of the surgery costs, making Operation Pit Stop completely free for eligible owners of Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes.

"Pit Bulls are the most at-risk breed in North Texas shelters, and Operation Pit Stop directly addresses this crisis by reducing overpopulation and promoting responsible pet ownership," said Destiny Vandeput, Director of Communications for the Humane Society of North Texas. "Thanks to our continued partnerships, we're able to offer this service to the residents of North Texas free of charge with the aim of preventing unwanted litters that may one day end up in animal shelters."

Pet owners interested in participating can find more details, including eligibility, appointment scheduling, and clinic locations, at <u>hsnt.org/operationpitstop</u>. Surgeries are available at no cost and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis while appointments last through December 31, 2024.

The following clinics are participating in Operation Pit Stop and interested individuals can reach out directly to make an appointment:

HSNT Clinic Hsnt.org/operationpitstop	SPCA of Texas spca.org/operationpitstop	TCAP texasforthem.org
Spay Neuter Network spayneuternet.org/ops	Dallas Animal Services daspetsupport@dallas.gov	
For additional information on Operation Pit Stop, please visit <u>hsnt.org/operationpitstop</u> .		

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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 <u>hsnt.org/donate</u>. To learn more about HSNT, visit <u>hsnt.org</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>TikTok</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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About Wings of Rescue

Wings of Rescue is a donation-supported 501(c)3 public charity that flies abandoned, homeless and at-risk pets from overcrowded shelters and disaster areas to shelters with available space without displacing any locally sheltered pets. The result is that great pets in need of loving homes are brought to welcoming locations where families are eagerly waiting to adopt them. At Wings of Rescue, we strive to transport pets to their new homes safely, quickly and with as little stress as possible.

In times of natural disaster, we often use our in-bound planes to deliver humanitarian and veterinarian aid, pet supplies and shelter materials, thereby making the most efficient use of each of our flights. To learn more about Wings of Rescue visit <u>wingsofrescue.org</u>.

About MuttNation Foundation

Founded by Miranda Lambert and her mom, Bev Lambert, in 2009, MuttNation Foundation is a donation-supported 501c(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to promote the adoption of shelter pets, advance spay & neuter and educate the public about the benefits of these actions. MuttNation provides financial support and works with transport partners to assist and relocate animals during times of natural disaster. MuttNation Fueled by Miranda Lambert, a pet line of toys and supplies that benefits the Foundation, is available exclusively at Tractor Supply Company stores throughout the U.S. For more information, please visit <u>www.muttnation.com</u>.