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## The Humane Society of North Texas Reopens Its Doors to Dog Intake After Battling Distemper

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**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Fort Worth, Texas:** The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) will reopen its doors for dog intake for owner surrenders and strays after a summer-long battle with distemper. HSNT's medical staff consulted with the University of Florida Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program to ensure all protocols were followed while treating dogs for distemper. Dogs were only released for adoption after receiving two negative distemper tests, at least one week apart. Overall, 38 dogs have been cleared of distemper including 26 that have been adopted. HSNT is continuing to treat 19 dogs in a segregated area of the main shelter, including five dogs that have received one negative test. All of the dogs that tested positive for distemper received supportive care including iv fluids, antibiotics and pain medications, deworming and specialty foods such as boiled chicken and rice.

The Humane Society of North Texas learned during this trying time that it needed additional space to isolate, medically treat, and care for its most vulnerable pets. The Saxe-Forte Dog Adoption Center on Lancaster Avenue will remain closed to the public and transform into a rehabilitation facility for dogs that become ill at the shelter. This will allow any dog to be removed from the general population at the first sign of illness and placed in an isolation area for treatment, helping to keep the remainder of the shelter dogs healthy.

"The Humane Society of North Texas is proud of the extraordinary efforts extended to its shelter pets during an extremely trying time," says Cassie Davidson, Director of Communications. "Our staff is beyond relieved to turn the page toward healthy outcomes for all the pets in our care. We thank the public for their generous support during this difficult time."

Effective Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Lancaster location (1840 E. Lancaster Ave) will reopen to the public for dog owner surrenders and strays. The Saxe-Forte Dog Adoption Center at this location will remain closed to the public, *permanently*, as it transitions to the HSNT Rehabilitation Center. For more information on surrendering your pet, lost and found pets, or any additional services, please visit our Animal Resource Center [online](#).

### 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) or [Facebook](#). To learn more about HSNT, visit [hsnt.org](https://hsnt.org), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [TikTok](#).

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