

## **News Release**

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### **Comfort and Joy Donation Drive - Share the gift of giving to North Texas animal shelters**

The holidays are the season of giving and what better way to give than to help pets in need. Thousands of pets are in North Texas animal shelters this holiday season and they'll be spending this most magical time of the year awaiting their forever homes.

This year, North Texas animal shelters have come together to make this season more comforting for the dogs and cats by hosting Comfort and Joy, a blanket and toy drive. The donation drive is being held from December 1 – January 2.

Through the Comfort and Joy drive, individuals, organizations and businesses can donate blankets and pet toys, which are in constant need at all shelters. Canned food is also being accepted as it helps puppies and kittens as well as those pets who are sick or injured and need the extra nutrition.

The drive is being hosted by Dallas Animal Services, Fort Worth Animal Care & Control, Irving Animal Services, and the Humane Society of North Texas. However, donations can be made to any animal shelter in the north Texas area.

Your generous donations will help the pets and their caretakers have a great Christmas by spreading a little love and joy this holiday season!

#### **Preferred Donations**

- Clean and washed blankets, new or gently worn, no fringe or decorative items on the blankets.
- Dogs: Durable dog toys including rubber toys such as Nylabone® and Kong®-type products, rope and woven toys.
- Cats: Plastic toys, small toys that can be swatted. No toys with bells or other small parts that can become a choking hazard such as strings and yarn.

Donations can be made to any participating animal shelter in the north Texas area. Contact your local shelter for information on how to donate online or by dropping off your donation at the shelter.

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