


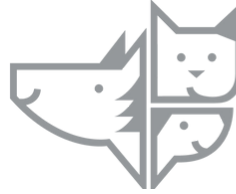
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## HSNT Statement on Canine Distemper and Upcoming Mega Adoption Event

**Fort Worth, TX – August 11, 2025** The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) has confirmed that **one** dog in its Fort Worth shelter has tested positive for canine distemper. Immediately upon detection, HSNT consulted with Dr. Cynda Crawford, DVM, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor of Shelter Medicine and Director of the Professional Certificate in Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida, to ensure it is taking every proactive measure to protect the pets in its care and the community.

Extensive testing has been conducted on all dogs showing any upper respiratory signs, and to date, only the one dog has tested positive. The impacted dog, who was vaccinated for canine distemper prior to transfer to HSNT, is active, alert, and should make a full recovery.

To prevent the spread of this disease, HSNT has temporarily closed dog adoptions to the general public at both its Fort Worth and Keller Adoption Centers, paused all dog intake, and suspended participation of HSNT dogs at any offsite adoption events. Offsite events will continue with adoptable cats only and HSNT's Fort Worth location is open for cat adoptions. HSNT will continue testing any dog presenting with upper respiratory symptoms until results are negative or titers confirm that dogs in HSNT's care have sufficient immunity.

For this weekend's Mega Adoption Event, to prevent any potential exposure to the community, HSNT shelter dogs will not participate. However, HSNT will be pulling dogs from other shelters in our metroplex that are stretched beyond capacity—helping them find loving homes while easing the burden on our sheltering community.

HSNT remains vigilant and proactive, making every decision with the well-being of pets at the forefront.

### About the Humane Society of North Texas

Since 1905, the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) has a mission to save, shelter, protect, and advocate for all animals in need throughout 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](#), [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#) and [Threads](#).  
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