



Q&A: SPCA of Texas Transition in Ellis County Operations

Q: Why is the SPCA of Texas ending its Animal Shelter and Maintenance Services Contract with Ellis County?

A: The decision to conclude the contract follows extensive evaluation and discussions with Ellis County leadership to ensure that our operations align more closely with the SPCA of Texas' broader mission to advance animal welfare across North Texas. After careful consideration, we believe that this transition will allow us to better serve the region and focus on impactful, mission-driven services that make a meaningful difference for animals and their communities.

Q: When will the contract officially end, and how will it affect the SPCA of Texas' operations in Ellis County?

A: The Animal Shelter and Maintenance Services Contract will officially end on April 15, 2025. While this marks the end of our sheltering operations in the county under this contract, the SPCA of Texas remains committed to the Ellis County community. We will continue our work by organizing mobile adoption events, hosting low-cost or free vaccine clinics, assisting with animal cruelty investigations, and transferring animals to our Dallas facilities as space and staffing allow.

Q: How does the SPCA of Texas plan to support the Ellis County community moving forward?

A: We will remain engaged with Ellis County by hosting mobile adoption events that provide an opportunity for animals to find loving homes. We will also offer low-cost or free vaccine clinics to promote pet health and work with local officials to support animal cruelty investigations. Additionally, we will transfer animals from the county to our Dallas facilities as resources allow to ensure they receive the care they need.

Q: Will the SPCA of Texas continue to have a presence in Ellis County?

A: Yes, in a mobile capacity through low-cost or free vaccine clinics, mobile adoption events, animal cruelty investigations work, and transferring animals to our Dallas facilities as space and staffing allows. The SPCA of Texas will make its current Ellis County Animal Care Center facility available through a low-cost, long-term lease option. We will also support local efforts to establish a regional animal shelter to continue advancing animal welfare in the region.

Q: What is the SPCA of Texas' next step in this transition process?

A: Our immediate next steps involve ensuring a smooth transition after the contract ends in April 2025. We will continue to communicate with the community, local officials, and our supporters to ensure that the necessary resources are in place for the continuation of services. We are also focused on supporting the establishment of a regional animal shelter in Ellis County, which will further enhance local animal welfare efforts.

Q: How can people in Ellis County support the local animals during this transition?

A: There are several ways the community can continue to support the animals of Ellis County during this

transition. We encourage individuals to attend our mobile adoption events, participate in our low-cost vaccine clinics, and help spread the word about our efforts to find loving homes for animals.

For more information about upcoming events or to learn more about upcoming events, please visit spca.org.

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