



**GREAT PLAINS SPCA**  
Heroes for pets. Partners for life.

**5428 Antioch Drive | Merriam, Kansas 66202**

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**Animal Organizations Urge Pet Owners to Keep Animals Warm**

**Two Organizations Will Offer Warm Housing and Food in Frigid Temps**

Merriam, KS (December 29, 2017) — Great Plains SPCA is teaming up with Spay and Neuter Kansas City to ensure local pet owners have the tools needed to keep their pets warm and safe in the cold temperatures.

On Saturday, December 30, Great Plains SPCA team members will help provide warm bedding, housing, food and other supplies to those needing assistance at its Merriam location (by appointment only). Spay and Neuter Kansas City will offer the same services at its Kansas City, Missouri location. Both organizations will be on-call to assist members of the community while supplies last on Sunday, December 31.

While caring for your pets in the winter weather, please remember the importance of bringing your pet indoors, especially during sub-zero temperatures. Any outdoor animal needs immediate access to a dry, draft-free shelter that is large enough for them to lay down in, yet small enough to retain body heat.

Any member of the community wishing to take advantage of this weekend's services, should call or visit the locations below during the hours listed:

**Winter Assistance Hours on Saturday, December 30 (Services by Appointment Only):**

Great Plains SPCA Merriam Campus – 9 am to 4 pm  
913-808-3335  
5424 Antioch Drive, Merriam, Kansas 66202

Spay and Neuter Kansas City – 8 am to 5 pm  
816-353-0940 x 10  
116 E. 59<sup>th</sup> St. Kansas City, Missouri 64110

\*Both locations will be on-call on Sunday, December 31 while supplies last

**Interviews and Video:** Interviews with Volunteer Manager Anna Stark-Dowling will be made available during business hours at the Merriam location on Friday. B-roll video opportunities with pets and outdoor play yards will also be available. Interviews and b-roll opportunities are also available with the SNKC Families Better Together outreach team during their field work both Friday and Saturday.

### **About Great Plains SPCA:**

Great Plains SPCA is the Kansas City metro's most comprehensive resource for pets and their human companions, serving more than 35,000 pets annually – more than any other animal welfare agency in the area. Great Plains SPCA, a No Kill shelter, works to save, protect and improve the lives of animals, while strengthening the relationship between pets and their human companions by providing humane sheltering, adoptions, and affordable spay/neuter and veterinary wellness services. Great Plains SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and not the ASPCA but a local organization focused on being a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. For more information, please visit [www.GreatPlainsSPCA.org](http://www.GreatPlainsSPCA.org)

### **About Spay and Neuter Kansas City:**

SNKC was founded in 2002 and has helped over 100,000 pets in the Kansas City area during that time. The SNKC mission is to end pet homelessness, increase pet retention, and improve the quality of life for pets through education and supportive services for families in need.

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