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City of Overland Park Proclaims March 16 as Great Plains SPCA Day!

Merriam, KS — The City of Overland Park has officially proclaimed March 16, 2026, as Great Plains SPCA Day, recognizing the organization’s longstanding impact on animal welfare and the greater Kansas City community.

Signed by Mayor Curt Skoog, the proclamation honors Great Plains SPCA for nearly six decades of service, beginning as Animal Haven in 1966, providing lifesaving care for homeless pets, reuniting lost animals with their families, and connecting thousands of pets with loving homes.

Today, **in its 15th year as Great Plains SPCA**, the organization serves approximately 7,000 pets and 500,000 residents annually, delivering critical services that strengthen both animal welfare and the community as a whole.

“This recognition belongs to our incredible staff and volunteers who show up every day with compassion, skill, and an unwavering commitment to animals and the people who love them,” said Tam Singer, CEO of Great Plains SPCA. “We are deeply proud of the work happening inside our walls and grateful for the strong partnership and friendship we share with Mayor Skoog and the City of Overland Park. Together, we are building a more humane community.”

The proclamation also highlights the organization’s recent recognition by Nonprofit Connect, where Singer was named the 2026 Nonprofit Catalyst Executive Award recipient.

“This is a proud moment for our organization and our community,” said Chuck Laue, Chair of the Great Plains SPCA Board of Directors. “It reflects Tam’s exceptional leadership over the past nine years, as well as the compassion and commitment of a community that believes every pet deserves a safe, loving home. We are especially grateful to Overland Park, Kansas, for their leadership in pet welfare.”

Residents are encouraged to support Great Plains SPCA's mission through adoption, volunteering, and charitable giving. For more information, visit www.greatplainsspca.org

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About Great Plains SPCA

Great Plains SPCA (GP) is the highest rated animal shelter in the Kansas City area serving 500,000 residents and 7,000 community pets annually. GP 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, community outreach and behavior training. GP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please visit www.greatplainsspca.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).