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Great Plains SPCA Honors Beloved Pets with Día de los Muertos Pet Remembrance Week

Kansas City, KS, September 15, 2025, Hispanic Heritage Month — Great Plains SPCA invites the community to honor cherished animal companions during a weeklong **Día de los Muertos Pet Remembrance** observance, beginning **Monday, October 27, 7–9 PM**, at Great Plains SPCA's Merriam Campus.

In partnership with **La Mega KC, Consulado de Mexico in Kansas City, MO, Dos Tequilas KC, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, Mattie Rhodes Center, and Guadalupe Center**. The celebration will feature a beautifully curated altar where the public is welcome to add photos, toys, treats, and mementos honoring their beloved pets. The altar will remain open for visits throughout the week during Great Plains SPCA business hours.

October 27 is recognized as **Día de los Muertos for Pets**, a tradition that began in 2019 when a Mexican animal funeral services company proposed the date to honor lost animal companions. Rooted in ancient indigenous beliefs that dogs guide souls through the afterlife, this modern practice celebrates the joy pets bring to our lives while providing comfort and healing to grieving pet families.

How to Participate:

- **Create an ofrenda:** Bring a photo, favorite toy, or treat to place on the community altar.
- **Add personal touches:** Include items that represent your pet's unique personality.
- **Light a candle:** Invite your pet's spirit to join you in remembrance.
- **Share stories:** Speak about your pet's life and the memories you cherish.
- **Reflect:** Take a moment to appreciate the unconditional love your pet gave.
- **Leave a gift:** Donations to **Great Plains SPCA** will support lifesaving programs for pets and families in our community.

“Pets are family, and honoring their memory in a meaningful, culturally rich tradition helps heal the heart,” said **Tam Singer, CEO of Great Plains SPCA**. “At Great Plains SPCA, we are proud to serve our community not just through adoptions and animal care, but by offering compassionate programs that connect people and pets in moments of both joy and remembrance.”

This event is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own ofrenda items and to invite friends and family to share in this celebration of beloved pets who have crossed the rainbow bridge. **Open hours for this event will mirror daily adoptions center operations, Tuesday – Sunday 11AM – 7PM.**

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About Great Plains SPCA

Great Plains SPCA is the highest rated animal shelter in the Kansas City area serving 500,000 residents and 6,800 community pets annually. Great Plains SPCA 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. Great Plains SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please visit www.greatplainssPCA.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).