



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **City of Temple celebrates completion of Heart to Home Animal Adoption Center**

**TEMPLE, TX (January 10, 2024)** – After undergoing renovations to help create a more functional space for animals and visitors, the Temple Animal Shelter has been rebranded to the Heart to Home Animal Adoption Center.

Breaking ground in the Fall of 2022, the \$5 million shelter project added 40 dog kennels and 21 cat cages, bringing the total capacity to 72 dogs and 65 cats. The new kennels are also climatized, creating a more comfortable space for the animals who are in the shelter's care. New outdoor spaces and play areas, including a patio for dogs and playpen for cats, were also added to allow for animal enrichment.

"The expansion will help accommodate the increase of animals brought to the shelter as Temple continues to grow," said City of Temple Mayor Tim Davis. "These additional spaces are also beneficial for the animals, and they provide the opportunity for them to go outside more frequently with room to run and play."

The renovations also help provide an easy experience for visitors looking to find a four-legged friend. An open concept and a larger lobby were implemented to create a better pedestrian flow within the facility and separation between staff workspaces and customer-accessible areas. Three outdoor shaded meet-and-greet areas and one new indoor meet-and-greet room were also added to the space where those interested in adopting can interact and bond with the animals, rain or shine.

"We are so excited for the community to see and experience our new facility," said Amy Strunk, Animal Shelter Supervisor. "This project has helped us achieve our goal of properly caring for animals as we help them find their forever home."

The City of Temple is hosting a grand reopening of the shelter on January 10 at 4 p.m.

For more information, please visit [templetx.gov/hearttohome](https://templetx.gov/hearttohome) and follow the Heart to Home Animal Adoption Center on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).