



Operation Kindness Serves 1,000th Kitten in its Neonatal Kitten Nursery

The organization's state-of-the-art kitten nursery is saving lives.

CARROLLTON, TX (October 12, 2023) — Operation Kindness opened its state-of-the-art, neonatal kitten nursery just over a year ago, in May 2022. Since then, the 24-hour care facility has kept busy bringing lifesaving care to the most vulnerable animals. This week, the nursery welcomed its 1,000th patient, a kitten named Baby Grand.

Baby Grand was transferred from a shelter partner in Mesquite, TX after being found orphaned. She was placed with the Operation Kindness kitten nursery to receive round-the-clock care needed to thrive at only nine days old.

With state-of-the-art incubators, regular bottle feedings and IV-fluid intake, kittens receive undivided attention they may not otherwise have access to outside of our nursery. Until about four weeks old, kittens cannot eat on their own and must be fed every few hours – a resource that many shelters don't have.

Neonatal kittens are especially at risk of dying in shelters because they are too young to take care of themselves. They are also weeks or months away from being eligible for adoption, as they need to be at least two months old and weigh two pounds to go home with a new family. With weakened immune systems, they are more likely to contract disease than other animals in shelters.

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Operation Kindness couldn't have helped so many animals in need without the support of generous donors. Thanks to generous community support, kitten nursery "graduates" have been able to grow big, strong and healthy, socialize with other animals and find the loving families they deserve.

Interviews are available by Zoom, phone or in-person. B-roll of our kitten nursery can be found <u>here</u>.

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About Operation Kindness

Operation Kindness, a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare organization, operates a lifesaving animal shelter and programs to assist people and pets. Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is a pioneer in Texas for assisting animals in need of veterinary care, companionship and most of all, a home.

In addition to pet adoptions and lifesaving medical care, Operation Kindness' programs provide foster care for vulnerable animals, behavior and training support for pet parents, affordable veterinary services for community pets, a pet food pantry, and volunteer opportunities. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit their website at www.operationkindness.org.

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