



**URGENT: Operation Kindness in need of homes for ringworm kittens following Central Texas flood rescue efforts**

The North Texas animal welfare organization is at max capacity for ringworm kittens and is offering free adoptions to community members who foster to adopt



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Carrollton, Texas)** – As summer temperatures rise, more aftershocks of the deadly July 4 storms appear — now, a critical influx of kittens. Operation Kindness, a lifesaving animal shelter, is currently operating at full capacity with ringworm-positive kittens, a condition requiring treatment and resources over a 30-day period, following intake efforts after the Central Texas floods. The non-profit is urgently seeking individuals to join its foster to adopt program by caring for kittens being treated for ringworm, with the opportunity to adopt for free once they’ve fully recovered.

Pets awaiting or undergoing noncritical medical treatment — like ringworm — or that are too young for formal adoption, can be placed with interested [adopters as foster pets](#). All medical supplies and training will be covered by Operation Kindness. Once the pet has completed their treatment, the foster can adopt their new best friend for completely free. Additionally, from August 1 to 3, individuals who foster to adopt a ringworm kitten will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card at their recheck appointment.

“Ringworm sounds scarier than it is, but with treatment it is highly manageable,” said Kate Collier, medical practice manager at Operation Kindness. “Most ringworm cats and kittens are playful, sweet and ready for love — they just need a little extra TLC while they heal.”

Despite its name, [ringworm is not a worm](#). It is a skin infection caused by fungus and usually takes shelter pets 6-8 weeks to fully recover. However, with a low stress foster home and plenty of love, treatment time can be significantly reduced. While in foster care, ringworm-positive kittens will need lime sulfur dips twice a week, oral medication and checkups with the Operation Kindness medical team. All medical treatment, supplies and training will be provided while the pet is in foster care.

Fostering a kitten while recovering from treatment helps decrease shelter capacity and allows more vulnerable pets to receive care. Foster to adopt sign-ups can be completed before or after meeting your foster pet, and you can take your foster home the same day you meet them. Operation Kindness' client services team will assist in identifying foster to adopt pets and walking you through the process.

For any community members unable to foster or adopt at this time but would like to assist, Operation Kindness is always in need of donations of supplies on their [Amazon Wishlist](#). This allows you to send exactly what they need directly to the organization, ensuring your donation has maximum impact.

Visit <https://www.operationkindness.org/foster> to view more about the organization's foster to adopt program and to fill out an application. Meet a couple of the organization's adorable, ringworm-positive kittens that are looking for a loving family today:

Meet [Jason Witten](#), a handsome kitten with a playful personality. Ringworm doesn't stop him from having fun, Jason enjoys hunting after feather wand toys and climbing high surfaces to people watch. At three months old, he makes the perfect kitten companion for a family wanting some adventure in their life.

Come and meet [Moe](#), a gorgeous three-month-old kitten with a quirky personality. She is a huge fan of humans and can't wait to find her family so she can shower them in affection. Moe's soft meows and expressive eyes can charm anyone into falling in love with her.

Interviews available upon request.

Photos are available [here](#).

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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, volunteer opportunities and professional training. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit their website at [www.operationkindness.org](http://www.operationkindness.org).

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