



Community Members Enlist to Become "Bottle Feeding Fosters" to help Serve the Spring Kitten Influx

Operation Kindness will train volunteers in the hands-on care of baby kittens at two sold-out events on Saturday, April 27

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Carrollton, Texas) – Kitten season, a season from spring to early fall when warmer temperatures usher in a rise in cat pregnancies, is in full swing, meaning shelters across the country are seeing an increase in kittens needing their care. Operation Kindness takes in as many young kittens as possible, caring for many in their [state-of-the-art neonatal nursery](#) – over 130 in April alone.

In order to expand its reach, Operation Kindness relies on the help of generous volunteer fosters to care for the kittens that need regular round-the-clock bottle feedings, attention and love. Operation Kindness currently has 230 animals receiving love and care from fantastic fosters, but with kitten season among us, the more pets we can get into foster homes the better.

WHAT: Operation Kindness's foster and kitten nursery teams will host two training sessions for fosters who have shown interest in learning how to bottle-feed kittens. Underage kittens are too young to feed or care for themselves. They require regular bottle feedings as often as every few hours, as well as a safe, warm and clean environment as they are much more vulnerable to contracting diseases at their young age with weaker immune systems. The team will present on the basics of bottle feeding and as well as answer questions and provide personal support for future foster parents. Then, fosters will get hands-on experience with kittens in small groups with Operation Kindness staff to practice and get confident. Attendees will get to go home with everything needed to be a loving and capable foster parent, including kitten-sized litter boxes, bottle cleaners, blenders, playpens, jars to store formula and other essentials.

WHO: These training opportunities have been offered to Operation Kindness fosters and volunteers. More than 20 attendees are expected at the earlier training and another 20-30 at the 2 P.M. session. While no longer open to the public for enrollment, we encourage and invite any media to attend and cover these exciting educational opportunities.

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 12-2 P.M. and 2-4 P.M.

WHERE: Operation Kindness' Carrollton Shelter, 3201 Earhart Drive, Carrollton, Texas, 75006

Interviews will be available at the 12:00 P.M. training via Communications Coordinator, Samantha Van Dyke (708-954-7302 or svandyke@operationkindness.org). B-roll can be found [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.

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