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Media Advisory: Kitten Nursery Training Week 2025

San Diego, CA – San Diego Humane Society is expanding their annual Kitten Nursery Training Week, an advanced training program for animal welfare professionals. In partnership with Orphan Kitten Club, this annual training will host staff from San Diego Humane Society, other San Diego Animal Welfare Coalition partners organizations, and three national organizations — Riverside Department of Animal Services (CA), Maui Humane Society (HI) and Helping Hands Humane Society (KS) — to provide hands-on training in advanced kitten care.



Media Is Invited

- What: Advanced kitten care training for animal welfare professionals.
- When: March 31 April 3, 2025 (Hands-on training: April 1 & 2), 9 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
- Where: San Diego Humane Society, 5500 Gaines St., San Diego, CA 92110.
- Who:
 - **Hannah Shaw** (*Kitten Lady*) available for interviews April 1.
 - o Aileen Pantoja, San Diego Humane Society Associate Director of Nursery & Foster.
 - o Partner shelters and attendees.

Why It Matters:

Each year during warm spring and summer months, thousands of vulnerable kittens flood shelters and rescues across the country. Orphan Kitten Club's **Mightycat Mentorship Program** supports shelters in hiring kitten-focused staff and expanding their expertise. Participants receive travel and lodging support, along with training from leading neonatal kitten experts. San Diego — a national leader in kitten welfare — will serve as a model to help other communities improve their kitten care programs.

B-roll and photos of kitten care for media use be downloaded here:

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About San Diego Humane Society

San Diego Humane Society's scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. We offer programs that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty and neglect, provide medical care, educate the community and serve as a safety net for all pet families. Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society has campuses in El Cajon, Escondido, Oceanside, Ramona and San Diego. For more information, please visit schumane.org.

About Orphan Kitten Club

Orphan Kitten Club (OKC) is a national 501(c)3 charitable organization offering lifesaving funding and resources to decrease euthanasia rates and increase quality of care for neonatal kittens in shelters coast to coast. A 100 percent donor-funded organization, Orphan Kitten Club is led by a team of experts in animal welfare, veterinary medicine, and kitten wellbeing who thoughtfully identify Mightycat shelter partners and allocate donor funds to kitten programs, emergency veterinary care, and ethical research programs that create meaningful change and move the needle for neonatal kittens.

Founded in 2016 by Hannah "<u>Kitten Lady</u>" Shaw, award-winning kitten rescuer, humane educator and *New York Times* best-selling author, Orphan Kitten Club has awarded more than \$3 million in Mightycat grants to save the lives of thousands of kittens in 100 communities. To become a club member–a monthly supporter of Orphan Kitten Club–visit

donate.orphankittenclub.org/join. Follow us on Instagram or Facebook, or visit us at orphankittenclub.org.