Reality TV Star's Husband, Dallas Fire Department and Operation Kindness Save Kitten

Firefighters from Station 11 Save Kitten Trapped Inside Car

CARROLLTON, Texas (June 17, 2019) – It seemed like a normal Thursday, June 13 morning in downtown Dallas. People were commuting to work, stopping for their favorite coffee, birds were chirping – and a cat was meowing? Court Westcott, husband of Real Housewives of Dallas star and animal activist Kameron Westcott, was outside a local coffee shop when he heard the soft cries that turned out to be a kitten stuck under the hood of a parked car. He immediately picked up the phone and made a call to Operation Kindness.

Pictured: Dallas Fire-Rescue Department searching for the kitten

When Operation Kindness – the original and largest no kill animal shelter in North Texas – received the news of this stuck kitten, they quickly notified the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department. Station 11 was immediately on-site with approximately 10 team members to assist.
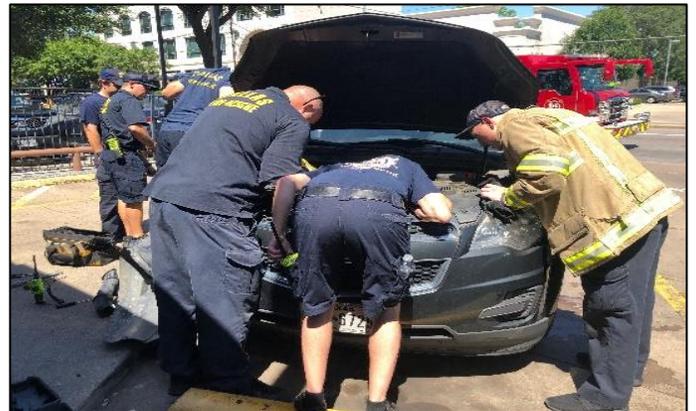
"Any situation where an animal is having to be rescued is always scary," said Natalie Buxton, director of communications for Operation Kindness. "We want to make sure we find the animal as quickly and as safely as possible."

As the owner of the vehicle approached, she handed over her keys and told the crew, "Do whatever you have to." And that's exactly what Dallas Fire-Rescue Station 11 did.

As multiple witnesses watched the events unfold, it had been almost an hour with no luck. The fire department had taken apart the vehicle and also brought out an emergency rescue-life air bag to help elevate the car and allow more access for searching.

Just as the rescue mission seemed unsuccessful, Lieutenant Mike Milam noticed blood smeared near the small cabin air intake vents. He immediately popped the piece off and found the kitten hiding inside.

She was immediately rushed to the Operation Kindness animal hospital for medical evaluation. Upon arrival, Operation Kindness' veterinarians noticed the kitten was missing part of her tail and had a small abrasion under her right eye.

Pictured: Dallas Fire-Rescue Department holding the rescued kitten

Pictured: Eleven receiving love and attention from Operation Kindness' medical team

"We are going to continue to monitor her for the next 24-48 hours," said Sabrina Jones, vet tech at Operation Kindness. "Although she had suffered a few minor injuries, she didn't seem to mind once we started to feed her!" See video footage here: https://youtu.be/5lRTUGbLouc.

The kitten, named Eleven after her heroes from Station 11, is going to continue to recover at Operation Kindness, and Lieutenant Milam hopes to adopt her once she is healed! Operation Kindness and the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department are overjoyed with their ability to rescue this sweet girl and provide her with the medical attention she currently needs.

"A big special thank you to Court Westcott for noticing little Eleven was in trouble and needed help. Without Court, this story would have a much different ending," Buxton said. "And to Dallas Fire-Rescue Department Station 11, who never gave up. At Operation Kindness, it's our privilege to be able to save lives of homeless pets like Eleven each day."

About Operation Kindness
Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is the original and largest no-kill animal shelter in North Texas. Its mission is to care for homeless cats and dogs in a no-kill environment until each is adopted into a responsible home. As an advocate for humane values and behaviors, Operation Kindness has been able to save more than 105,000 animals since its inception. The shelter assists more than 5,000 cats and dogs each year, caring for an average of 400 animals daily. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit their website at https://www.operationkindness.org/.

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