



Kitten Season Is In Full-Swing at Operation Kindness

This Year's Kitten Season Is Bringing Fur and Fun to the Community

CARROLLTON, Texas (May 14, 2019) – Every year there is a sweet spot in late spring where Mother's Day aligns perfectly with kitten season. This year, [Operation Kindness](#) – the original and largest no-kill animal shelter in North Texas – is recognizing a special mother, who was recently rescued along with her four adorable kittens.

Last week, a good Samaritan in Granbury, Texas, found a stray cat who had recently given birth to four adorable kittens. They immediately brought the family to their local animal shelter, who quickly called Operation Kindness to explain how these babies were very vulnerable and required immediate specialized care and medical treatment.

"As the amount of daylight increases in the spring and warm weather arrives, the reproductive cycle starts for female cats," said Natalie Buxton, director of marketing for Operation Kindness. "Their gestation is fairly short, lasting about 60 days, so late spring we see lots of kittens being born."

Operation Kindness knew the kittens – Simon, Squeak, Socks and Squirrel – and their mother, Simone, would have the best environment for recovery in a foster home. It took a few quick phone calls, and by that afternoon, this sweet family was relocated to a North Texas home to begin recuperating.



Three of the four kittens rescued in Granbury, Texas

Kitten season refers to a period of time where there is a significant increase in the number of female cats giving birth. This is directly correlated with the days becoming warmer and the sun shining longer, making it easier for cats to reproduce. While being surrounded by tiny, fluffy kittens sounds like a dream, the severe upswing in kittens can put a strain on local animal shelters if they are not prepared.



Simone, mother to the four kittens, happy in her current foster home.

"Simone and her kittens are thriving," Buxton said. "Even with the influx our organization can receive, we always put the needs of the animals first. We are so grateful to our foster families and their readiness at a moment's notice."

For the next two months, this cute feline family will receive medical care, special foods and plenty of opportunities for socialization while in their foster home. Once the kittens are old enough, they will be put up for adoption and begin the journey to their forever homes.

Caring for 1,500 animals every year, foster homes serve as healthy environments for animals to heal and thrive in. Those that are too young and vulnerable for the shelter, pregnant and nursing moms, newborns without mothers relying on a bottle, and those recovering from medical treatment or surgery are brought into foster homes to prepare homeless animals for their

new families. A foster stay may range anywhere between two weeks and two months, depending on the kind of care each individual animal needs.

This Mother's Day, Operation Kindness is focusing on the wonderful care mothers are able to provide their young. Whether they have two legs or four, protection and love are two instincts that are undeniable.

Operation Kindness has saved over 105,000 cats and dogs since its inception and assists nearly 5,000 pets each year. Recognizing that not every animal who comes into their facility is ready for a home or for the shelter environment, Operation Kindness counts on the pure generosity of North Texas families and their willingness to open their homes for fostering opportunities.

To learn more about Operation Kindness and their fostering program, please visit the website at <https://www.operationkindness.org/> and follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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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 and their fostering opportunities, please visit the website at <https://www.operationkindness.org/> and follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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