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100% Chance of Kitten Showers!

San Diego Humane Society gears up for busy kitten season with virtual shower

SAN DIEGO — With the recent rain events in our region, San Diego Humane Society anticipates a busier kitten season than usual. To support the influx, the organization is hosting a virtual Kitten Shower, where community members can donate essential items, including kitten formula, bottles, heating pads, scales and blankets from San Diego Humane Society’s online baby registries, conveniently hosted by Amazon, Target and Walmart at sdhumane.org/kittenshower.



In 2023, San Diego Humane Society’s Kitten Nursery admitted 10,452 kittens. This year, due to weather conditions and the ongoing effects of reduced spay/neuter surgeries throughout San Diego County during the COVID-19 pandemic, similar or higher numbers are expected. “We tend to see more kittens after a rainy winter, as lush outdoor areas create thriving ecosystems,” said Jackie Noble, Sr. Director of Behavior, Nursery and Foster at San Diego Humane Society. “During rainy days we see an uptick in kittens coming in, likely due to mother cats relocating their young to seek shelter and a greater community inclination to rescue kittens when the weather is bad.”

Caring for orphaned kittens requires significant resources, and in many communities across the country, these especially vulnerable animals often have nowhere to turn. Supporting the virtual Kitten Shower ensures the kittens in our care have everything they need to grow healthy and ready for loving homes. Donated items are delivered directly to San Diego Humane Society, aiding in providing lifesaving care. To contribute, visit sdhumane.org/kittenshower.

In 2009, San Diego Humane Society opened the country’s first around-the-clock kitten nursery, now known as the Jim Lester Kitten Nursery & Foster Center. Today, the center shares best practices for kitten care nationwide, engages trained foster volunteers to provide 24-hour care in their own homes, and offers a daycare space for fosters who need help caring for kittens during the day. This facility, along with nurseries at San Diego Humane Society’s Escondido and Oceanside campuses, contributes to the organization’s commitment to [Stay at Zero](#) euthanasia of healthy or treatable shelter animals in San Diego County.

[B-roll and photos of kittens for media use are available here:](https://spaces.hightail.com/space/Fu10XmgR0D)

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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 sdhumane.org.