

# San Diego Humane Society's Critter Kids NELLE STATES

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Welcome to San Diego Humane Society's Critter Kids News. We hope you have fun learning all about pets and wildlife in San Diego!

### **SAN DIEGO CAMPUS**

5500 Gaines Street San Diego, CA 92110

### **ESCONDIDO CAMPUS**

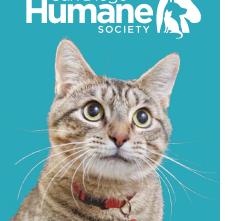
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### **OCEANSIDE CAMPUS**

2905 San Luis Rey Road (dogs) Oceanside, CA 92058

572 Airport Road (cats, small animals)
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# **Shelter Mews**

Did you know that most cats have their babies in the warm spring and summer months?

It is called kitten season! At San Diego Humane Society we have a kitten nursery that takes in orphaned kittens that are only days or weeks old. Without their mother, newborn kittens must be bottle fed and require around the clock care, just like a human baby. Our kitten nursery cares for hundreds of kittens each year, nursing them until they are old enough to be adopted. We also rely on foster families who volunteer to take care of kittens in their homes until the kittens are old enough to be adopted.



# **Wildlife Window**



Have you ever seen an animal and wonder, is that a pet or a wild animal?

Bobcats are native to San Diego and can sometimes be confused for a house cat or their larger cousin, the mountain lion. Bobcats have a muscular body with a short tail tipped with dark fur, making it easier to tell them apart from their feline cousins. These animals play a very important role in our ecosystem because they are vital to controlling the rodent population. Bobcats are very shy and secretive animals, so if you ever catch a glimpse of one, feel lucky!

# **Meet Our Staff**

### Meet Jackie Noble

Jackie is the Nursery Manager, which involves overseeing the 24 hour kitten nursery and foster programs. Occasionally the nursery cares for others species, including puppies and bunnies! Jackie's favorite part about her job is helping thousands of tiny kittens that, without the nursery program, wouldn't have the chance to thrive. Jackie also likes teaching people how to bottle feed kittens and seeing them light up when they are feeding a kitten for the first time.





# **Lend a Paw**



There are many ways to help the kitten nursery!
Sign up to be a foster family and care for kittens in your home or collect and donate items needed to help care for kittens at our nursery:
<a href="mailto:sdt-us-volunteer/foster/">sdt-us-volunteer/foster/</a>

- Baby wipes (fragrance free)
- Cat toys (ping pong balls, krinkle balls, "mice", etc.)
- Digital gram scales
- Flat sheets (any size, gently used is okay)
- Food and water dishes
- Heating pads without auto shutoff
- Kitten beds (donut beds at Petco)
- Kleenex (white)
- Pint size plastic shaker bottles (like Rubbermaid)
- PVC shower pan liner (40 mil, 5'x6' at Home Depot)
- Receiving blankets
- Kitten food (canned & dry)
- Soft baby blankets
- Soft hanging toys
- Towels (any size, gently used is okay)
- 18 gallon storage bins

# **Brain Teaser**

### You've Got to be Kitten-ME!

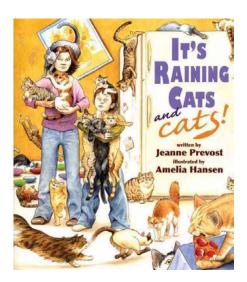
- 1. What is a cat's favorite color?
- 2. Why are cats afraid of trees?
- 3. What is a cat's favorite car?
- 4. What do kittens like to read?
- 5. What kind of cats love to go bowling?

3. P URRRR-ple; Z. Because of their bark; 3. A CATillac; 4. CATalogs; 5. Alley Cats

# **Color Me**



# **Book Nook**



When Jim and his mom return home from the vet with Molly the cat after her surgery, Jim asks, "Why did we keep Molly from having kittens? I like kittens!" In this delightfully illustrated imagined journey into the future, Jim's mom shows the many ways that Molly's (and her kittens') potential for multiplying would change their lives—and not for the better!

