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Woods Humane Society Prepares for Kitten Season with “St. Catrick’s Day” Donation Drive and Cat Adoption Promotion from March 17-20, 2022

San Luis Obispo, CA (March 16, 2022) — [Woods Humane Society](https://www.woodshumane.org) is bracing itself for kitten season on the Central Coast



by hosting a four-day-long “St. Catrick’s Day” Weekend celebration that will include a Kitten Shower donation drive, a virtual webinar about fostering and kitten care needs, and an adult cat adoption promotion to help make room in the shelter for kittens, from March 17-20, 2022.

The festivities come in anticipation of the beginning of a long local kitten season that typically spans from March through October or later. This is the time of year when unaltered outdoor cats begin to reproduce, resulting in high numbers of found and surrendered kittens coming into the shelter.

Woods cared for 752 kittens last year, including 326 that needed foster care until they were old enough to be spayed or neutered and made available for adoption. The influx of kittens requires an increase in the shelter’s foster volunteers, kitten and foster care supplies, and medical support. By early summer, Woods’ catteries are often at full capacity, with adoptions lagging behind the number of local cats and kittens in need of help.

“In spite of the thousands of spay and neuter surgeries we perform annually, and our monthly dedicated effort to sterilize unowned, outdoor community cats in particular (through our [Project M.E.O.W](https://www.woodshumane.org/ProjectM.E.O.W) subsidy), we still see hundreds of homeless kittens in need of help each year. Many of them come to

us ill and malnourished and require specialized, round-the-clock care in order to survive,” says Woods Humane Society CEO Neil Trent. “We rely on the kindness, compassion, and generosity of the local community in order to provide the resources needed to save and find homes for these fragile young animals.”

Woods has created a [Kitten Shower “Registry”](https://www.woodshumane.org/KittenShower) of their most-needed items, such as kitten electrolyte supplements, heating pads, bottle warmers, syringe feeders, and more, at www.WoodsHumane.org/KittenShower. It also invites the public to attend the [free, live “shower” and informational session](https://www.woodshumane.org/Event/Virtual-Kitten-Shower) on Sunday, March 20, at 11 a.m., where a panel of Woods kitten experts will show some of the kittens currently in the shelter’s care; discuss foster, volunteer, and donation needs; as well as demonstrate common kitten volunteer tasks such as bottle-feeding, weighing and more. To register for the free webinar, visit www.WoodsHumane.org/Event/Virtual-Kitten-Shower.

Alexander the Great, pictured, was one of 752 kittens Woods cared for last year. Originally found in a gutter, he came to the shelter severely dehydrated, malnourished and suffering from an upper respiratory infection. After weeks of intensive care, he made a full recovery and thrives today in his adoptive home.

For more information, visit www.WoodsHumane.org or call (805) 543-9316. Woods Humane Society is located at 875 Oklahoma Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 and at 2300 Ramona Rd., Atascadero, CA 93422.

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About Woods Humane Society

Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society is a privately funded, non-profit, animal sheltering and welfare organization that annually places more than 3,000 dogs and cats into loving homes. All animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped prior to being placed for adoption. Visit www.woodshumane.org to view available animals, donate or learn more. To make an adoption appointment, call Woods Humane Society SLO, located at 875 Oklahoma Avenue in San Luis Obispo, at (805) 543-9316, or Woods Humane Society North County, located at 2300 Ramona Road in Atascadero, at (805) 466-5403.