



City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services



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Kittens, Kittens and More Kittens Los Angeles City Shelters Are Flooded With Kittens and they need Life-Saving Foster Volunteers NOW

Los Angeles, September, 30 2016 - **LA Animal Services and hundreds of innocent baby kittens urgently need animal lovers to help foster.** Each year, LA Animal Services receives thousands of young kittens who need around the clock care to survive. The shelters ability to save these orphaned animals is directly dependent on the number of foster volunteers waiting to take these babies home to provide temporary foster care.

Brenda Barnette, LA Animal Services General Manager says, "This year kitten season has been nonstop. Typically we start to see a decrease in kitten births around this time of year. This is not the case this year as we see more and more kittens arrive each day."

LA Animal Services needs people who are willing to foster kittens until they are 8 weeks old when they can be returned to the shelter to be spayed or neutered and adopted by loving families. We will provide as much training as you need and help from staff is just a phone call away. Each foster volunteer is given training which may require bottle feeding instructions for unweaned kittens who cannot eat on their own yet. The foster volunteer provides a place for the kittens to stay and gives them the care they need to grow and thrive in a home of their own.

"Foster volunteers are the future of life-saving," says Barnette. "By opening your home to an animal in need, you are preparing a pet for adoption into a home of his own as well as directly saving lives of animals in our crowded shelters. If you are available for a couple weeks or a month, please help some orphaned kittens get the chance they need for a happy life."

Foster volunteers are life savers. You can download your application at LAAAnimalServices.com/volunteer/foster-program or go to the City Animal Shelter nearest you and ask for a Foster Volunteer application. Take your completed form to the shelter and sign up to start fostering today.

Not ready for the around the clock feedings for underage kittens, you can still help. We have some mom cats with litters who could really benefit from home care. We also have great dogs who are being overlooked at our shelters who could really benefit from a few weeks of home care.

The shelters are open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To find the shelter closest to you, visit: LAAAnimalServices.com/shelters or call (888) 452-7381.

Los Angeles Department of Animal Services is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the United States with six shelters serving approximately 60,000 animals annually and responding to 20,000 emergency calls involving an animal or person in danger. LA Animal Services promotes and protects the health, safety and welfare of animals and people.

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