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HOOKED ON KITTENS: A FOSTER'S STORY

"I've loved cats for as long as I can remember. And, kittens, well there's nothing cuter. So, when I retired and moved to a small, rural mountain town in western Colorado, I knew I'd foster kittens."

"Kittens, especially those too young to eat on their own or too young for adoption, are one of the largest groups of animals euthanized in animal shelters. They have under developed immune systems and most shelters, no matter how wonderful,

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can't provide the care kittens need to thrive. That's why trained fosters -- and the work of the National Kitten Coalition -- are so important. NKC has been a pioneer in training and providing educational materials to animal shelter staff, rescue groups, veterinary communities, volunteers and fosters to provide high-quality, cost-effective kitten care.

"Thanks to the daylong NKC workshop I attended, I had the confidence to be a kitten foster and jumped at the chance to foster a very pregnant tuxedo cat, Juno, when my local shelter asked. Juno grew bigger and bigger with each day until finally, on the morning of the 6th day, we heard squeals behind the foster room door. Juno's five kittens were blissfully nursing.

"Juno was a wonderful mom and I couldn't wait to wake up every morning to see Flint, Gizmo, Nugget, Dotty and Licorice. I constantly referred to NKC's information on the physical and behavioral development of kittens and marveled at each milestone.

"When they were eight weeks old, it was time to return the family to the shelter so they could be spayed or neutered and adopted. Saying goodbye was bittersweet, but it meant I could foster two more litters that spring and summer.

"Fostering is one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had. NKC has litter-ally been a lifesaver. Tell your animal shelters and rescue groups about NKC's training and resources. Together, we can make our little corner of the world a better place for animals - especially kittens."

- Nancy P., Colorado





NOV. 8: NKCVC/2020!

The National Kitten Coalition invites veterinary professionals and students to attend our all-day online kitten-focused NKC Veterinary Conference! This special conference is free thanks to our sponsors, notably Kitten Leader sponsor **Merck Animal Health!**

You will learn information and approaches to caring for your youngest feline patients that will enable you to increase the survival rates of kittens. This Conference program has been approved by the AAVSB for 4.5 hours of RACE® continuing education credit for veterinarians and credentialed veterinary technicians/nurses in jurisdictions that recognize RACE® approval.



Program details and registration can be found [here](#), or on our website under Programs. Space is limited so sign up soon!

THE ONLINE KITTEN CONFERENCE WAS SO MUCH FUN, WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN!

Speaking of great conferences, nearly 300 people logged on to each of two days of our second Online Kitten Conference -- co-presented last June with [Community Cats Podcast](#) and supported by 10 sponsors -- to hear 20 amazing speakers cover a range of topics, from new medical research benefiting kittens, to programs that increased positive outcomes for kittens and cats.

And we're already planning for next year's OKC June 11-13, 2021. Would you like to be one of our speakers? We are seeking experts from all walks of the animal welfare community to share expertise with fellow kitten caregivers and advocates. Do you have an innovative program that can increase survival rates of kittens? Do you have a special skill or protocol that you can share with other caregivers to help kittens? Does your organization have creative ways to keep kittens out of the shelter? If so, [send us a proposal](#) by November 1.



MY GOODNESS ME: 178,000+ KITTENS IMPACTED ALREADY!

Covid-19 isn't getting in the way of the enthusiasm kitten caregivers have to learn more about how to save these precious little lives. We can't meet in person, but so what? We can learn online, so we are tearing up the Internet to save kittens!

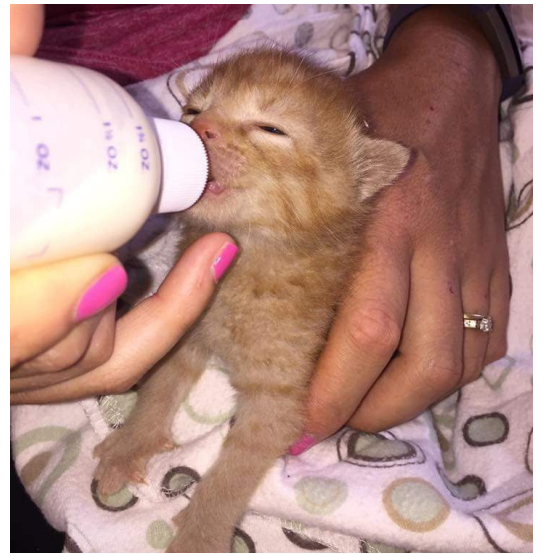
So far this year NKC has hosted:
53 events to

3,800 students who care for on average 47 kittens
which means...

More than 178,000 kittens

have benefited from our lifesaving information!
Thank you for supporting our programs and saving kittens by attending a webinar or workshop or by donating to support them.

We're not done, however. See the list of our upcoming events on the next page, and sign up to attend one!



SAVE KITTENS EVERY MONTH!

Want to save kittens but can't foster? A donation to NKC of \$15 a month -- 50 cents a day! -- saves a litter of five kittens every month! What a powerful, and easy, way to save kittens. And it's simple, you can set up your monthly donation by clicking on the Donate link below. Thank you for helping to save kittens!

[PLEASE DONATE NOW!](#)

UPCOMING NKC EVENTS

American Association of Feline Practitioners 2020 Virtual Conference. October 24 to 25

We're exhibiting so come "see" us at our virtual booth, and learn about what NKC can do to help you save more kitten lives. [More info is here.](#)

National Kitten Coalition Veterinary Conference 2020

November 8, 10 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. EST

A special conference for veterinarians, vet techs/nurses, veterinary students and clinic or hospital staff featuring six distinguished experts covering a range of kitten topics, from medical care to behavior. Sponsored by Merck Animal Health and approved by AAVSB for 4.5 hours of RACE continuing education credit. [Register here.](#)

Splish, Splash, I'm Taking a Bath. November 14, 11 a.m. to noon EST

Kittens often come to us dirty, with skin issues, or ectoparasites that need to be removed. Keeping kittens clean is one of the keys to keeping them healthy and thriving! In this free webinar taught by NKC's "Kitten Mom" Susan Spaulding, you will learn how to safely and effectively bathe your kitten(s). [Register here.](#)

Giving Tuesday! December 1, All Day

An international day of giving to support your favorite causes, including of course The National Kitten Coalition. Watch for details to come. Can't wait to help kittens with your donation? Click on the handy Donate link below! Thank you for being a kitten partner to NKC!



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