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Peninsula Humane Society Breaks Kitten Nursery Record Saving 235 Under-Aged Kittens in 2017

Burlingame, CA—The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) saved the lives of 235 under-aged kittens this year through their Kitten Nursery, the highest number to date since the Kitten Nursery opened in 2008. The previous record was 204 under-aged kittens saved in 2015.

“Unfortunately many shelters do not have the ability to care for motherless and abandoned under-aged kittens since they require extra care and these tiny kittens would not be able to survive on their own,” said PHS/SPCA’s Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. “The life-saving work performed through our Kitten Nursery is part of the overall life-saving work of the Peninsula Humane Society. The lives of these 235 under-aged kittens are in addition to the more than 6,000 animals the Peninsula Humane Society saves each year.”

Working with animal shelters throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and the Central Valley, PHS/SPCA helped ease the burden of other shelters overwhelmed by high volumes of motherless under-aged kittens and transported them to their Kitten Nursery in Burlingame, California.

The PHS/SPCA Kitten Nursery is staffed by one full time staff member and more than 170 volunteers working in three shifts per day to care for the tiny kittens.

“Our dedicated volunteers do everything from feeding and grooming to socializing these little kittens,” according to Tarbox. “Once the kittens reach two months of age and weigh two pounds, we spay or neuter them and place them for adoption at our shelter. To date, every one of the kittens that have gone through our Kitten Nursery has been adopted.”

Photos of some kittens from the 2017 PHS/SPCA Kitten Nursery can be found at this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/OB2MXZZygQTDYOE1kd3hLNktpcTQ?usp=sharing>
All photos courtesy of PHS/SPCA.

About Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

Peninsula Humane Society is a private, open-door, not-for-profit animal welfare organization. Primary programs include animal adoptions; animal rescue and sheltering, including specialty care for domestic animals with medical and/or behavioral challenges; wildlife rehabilitation; animal cruelty investigation; community outreach and education; low-cost spay/neuter; and obedience classes. This vital work is made possible by volunteers and donations. PHS receives no funding from national animal welfare organizations. Visit www.phs-sPCA.org to learn about all PHS’ programs and services, ways to help the animals and special events.

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