



## **The Humane Society of North Texas Awarded \$24,023 Orphan Kitten Club Grant**

### **New Innovation Grant Strengthens Lifesaving Kitten Programs and Community Fostering**

**FORT WORTH, Texas, January 6, 2026** – The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT), a nonprofit serving North Texas pets and families through adoption and compassionate care, announced that it has been awarded a \$24,023 innovation grant from Orphan Kitten Club (OKC), a national nonprofit organization with a mission to innovate pediatric care and advance protections for neonatal kittens in shelters. These funds will support critical medical care, specialized fostering, and expanded resources to ensure vulnerable kittens receive the care they need to survive and thrive.

The goal of this initiative is to expand foster capacity and access to critical medical support for neonatal and young kittens across North Texas through the opening of a satellite foster location at HSNT's Keller Regional Adoption Center.

"Neonatal kittens come into our care at an incredibly delicate stage of life, often requiring intensive medical treatment, specialized feeding, and consistent, hands-on support," said Cassie Davidson, Senior Director of Communications, Marketing and Public Relations at the Humane Society of North Texas. "This investment allows us to strengthen foster support and fund essential medical care and surgeries so these kittens can heal, grow, and begin life with comfort, stability, and the opportunity to thrive in loving homes."

Neonatal kittens—ages zero to eight weeks—are the most euthanized feline population in animal shelters in the United States, accounting for at least half of feline deaths. The specialized skills, supplies, veterinary expertise, and overnight care they require make them uniquely difficult to care for on-site in an animal shelter. For this reason, shelters and rescues heavily rely on volunteer foster parents to assist in the care of this vulnerable population.

Led by a panel of experts in animal welfare, veterinary medicine, and kitten wellbeing, the Orphan Kitten Club Mightycat program strategically selects partners based on their potential to create meaningful new impact for neonatal kittens. Following a bi-annual application period, the advisory panel thoughtfully allocates donor funds to partner programs that have proposed an executable and measurable plan to lower euthanasia rates, increase lifesaving capacity, enhance quality of care and/or contribute to groundbreaking research.

"Our Mightycat partners are shelters and foster-based rescues that are truly aligned with our mission to increase lifesaving programs for kittens under eight weeks old," said Jackie Noble, Executive Director, Orphan Kitten Club. "We're proud to partner with the Humane Society of North Texas to move the needle for neonatal kittens."

## **About the Humane Society of North Texas**

Since 1905, the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) has a mission to save, shelter, protect, and advocate for all animals in need throughout North Texas. As an independent nonprofit organization, HSNT relies on the generosity of the public to help ensure there is a safe place for abused, injured, and homeless animals in the community. To make a lifesaving donation, please visit [hsnt.org/donate](https://hsnt.org/donate). To learn more about HSNT, visit [hsnt.org](https://hsnt.org), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Threads](#), [TikTok](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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## **About Orphan Kitten Club**

Orphan Kitten Club (OKC) is a national 501(c)3 charitable organization offering lifesaving funding and resources to decrease euthanasia rates and increase quality of care for neonatal kittens in shelters coast to coast. A 100 percent donor-funded organization, Orphan Kitten Club is led by a team of experts in animal welfare, veterinary medicine, and kitten wellbeing who thoughtfully identify [Mightycat](#) shelter partners and allocate donor funds to kitten programs, emergency veterinary care, and ethical research programs that create meaningful change and move the needle for neonatal kittens.

Founded in 2016 by Hannah “[Kitten Lady](#)” Shaw, an award-winning kitten rescuer, humane educator and New York Times-best-selling author, Orphan Kitten Club has awarded more than \$4 million in Mightycat grants to save the lives of thousands of kittens in over 140 communities.

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