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OC Animal Care Rescues 46 Cats and Kittens
Cats will be available for public adoption on Saturday, March 11

TUSTIN, Calif. (March 10, 2023) – On Tuesday, March 7, OC Animal Care responded to an incident involving an individual hoarding 46 cats and kittens within an apartment home.

After multiple conversations with animal control officers regarding the cats' living conditions, the owner willingly surrendered the animals to OC Animal Care. Upon arrival at the shelter, the cats and kittens were evaluated by the shelter veterinary team to ensure individualized care was provided to fit each of their specific needs.

OC Animal Care is asking for the community's help in finding a forever family for each one of the available cats.

On Saturday, March 11, the first 35 of the rescued cats will be available for adoption to the public. The majority of the felines are young adults in good health. While many of the cats are shy and reserved at first, they warm up quickly and have friendly, gentle personalities. With patience and care, these cats will make wonderful lifelong friends.

In 2022, OC Animal Care responded to multiple incidents that involved animal hoarding, resulting in the impoundment of over 200 animals. When these cases arise, OC Animal Care's priority is to care for the animals, provide educational resources and offer solutions.

According to the ASPCA, animal "hoarding" can be identified when a person is housing more animals than they can adequately and appropriately care for. In these instances, animals often do not receive proper nutrition, sanitation, shelter, veterinary care and socialization. It is a complex issue that often encompasses mental health, animal welfare and public safety concerns; it is not uncommon and assistance is available. If you or someone you know struggles with hoarding, please contact OC Links at (855) 625-4657 or visit ochealthinfo.com/oclinks. Staff are available 24/7 to provide mental wellness services to those who may need support.

For more information on ways the community can support the animals at the shelter, please visit ocpetinfo.com/get-involved. Those interested in providing assistance to the shelter's efforts in caring for pets in need can easily do so by viewing OC Animal Care's Amazon Wishlist.

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About OC Animal Care

OC Animal Care is the largest municipal animal shelter in Orange County. It services 14 cities and takes in over 14,500 animals each year. OC Animal Care provides refuge and care for animals, fosters the human-animal bond and promotes safety in our community. For more information about OC Animal Care, please visit ocpetinfo.com.