



CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL



Warm Weather a Harbinger of an Early Chicago Kitten Season: How You Can Help!

In 2016, more than 3400 stray and 1800 owner-surrendered cats entered CACC – 85 percent of these cats were rescued or adopted. Many were kittens. When kitten season gears up in the spring, and lasts through the warm summer months and into fall, CACC employees, cat transfer team, and Homeward Bound-approved partners need a lot of help to keep these vulnerable populations alive and well. Given the unseasonably warm temperatures early this year, we are already starting to see some mothers and kittens coming through the door.

Kittens on Deck Program:

Without CACC's partnerships with local rescues, many neonates would be euthanized, as they would not be able to live through the night when CACC is closed. The smallest neonatal babies need to be fed every few hours around the clock and even kittens up to six weeks need careful monitoring and assistance until they are fully weaned. CACC's Kittens on Deck program helps the most vulnerable get a second chance by engaging a rapid response team when orphaned neonatal or "bottle baby" kittens arrive at CACC. CACC's animal placement coordinators and cat transfer team communicate with rescues soon after the kittens' arrival, and CACC stays open until 10:00 p.m. for late-night transfers to our rescue partners so the kittens can get the round-the-clock care they need to survive and thrive.

The Kitten Season Wish List

If you'd like to help with kitten season, but don't feel you have time to foster, or assist hands-on, please consider donating some of the following items: KMR® powder (12 oz cans) and liquid milk replacer (8 oz cans) for kittens and cats; emergency bottle-feeding kit, 1 ml. syringes, Purina Pro Plan Focus canned cat/kitten food; Gerber 2nd foods meats, turkey & chicken.

An inclusive wish list may be found at: <http://amzn.to/2mBHbqB>

EVENTS

General CACC Volunteer Orientations

Saturday, March 4, 2017
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Friday, March 10, 2017
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

CACC Auditorium
2741 S. Western Ave.
More info: <http://bit.ly/2dl6N7p>

CACC Low Cost Vaccine Microchip & Tag Clinic

Wednesday, March 15, 2017
2741 S. Western Ave.
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

City Council Volunteer Day

Saturday, March 11, 2017
2741 S. Western Ave.
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Partnering to Provide Bottle Baby Workshops in March!

CACC and its Homeward Bound Approved Partners will hold a number of Bottle Baby Workshops in March and April so if you're interested in helping this year, you'll have plenty of opportunities to learn! All workshops will be held at the City shelter.

Saturday, March 18, 2017, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 26, 2017, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, 2017, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

To sign up for one of these workshops, please email jennifer.schlueter@cityofchicago.org and state the date you will be attending.

To become a foster for one of CACC's Homeward Bound Approved Partners, please visit our Web site to view a list of all of our partners at: <http://bit.ly/2m3PEju> and contact them directly.

