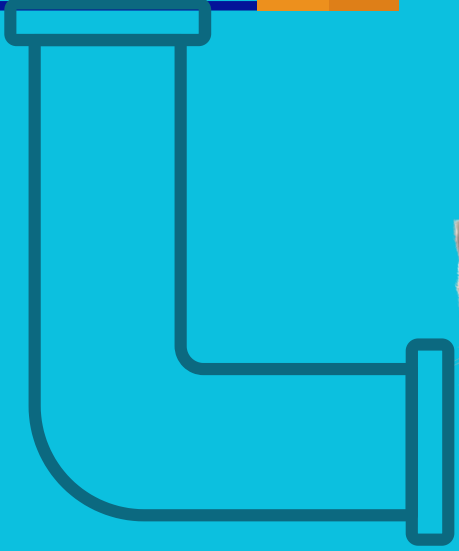




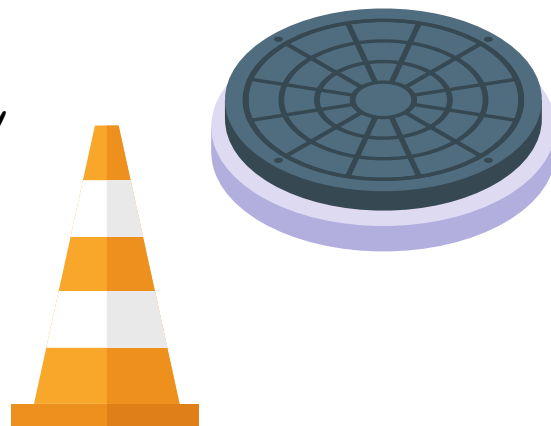
THE LUCKY LITTLE KITTEN

A Rescue Story

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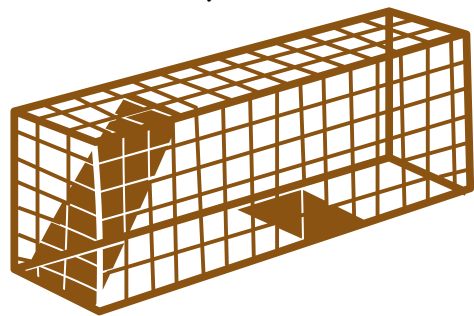
One morning, a man and a woman received a telephone call asking if they could try to rescue a kitten crying for help that was stuck down a storm drain outside a busy supermarket. The man and woman worked with a group that helps cats who live outdoors, so they knew how to help IF they could get him out of the drain.



They went to see where the kitten was and could hear him down in the storm drain, but the kitten was scared and he was able to go through the pipes that drained the hole. They knew they had to get him out before the bad weather came or he could die from cold, no food, or could drown if it flooded with water.



They pulled up the drain cover and put some food out for the kitten. They were surprised when the kitten came out into the drain hole on his own. They thought, "Oh good, we'll just put a trap down in the hole with food in it and he will come out and we can trap him that way."



But when they were getting ready to trap him, they saw that the kitten was more scared than hungry.

"OH, NO!" they said! The kitten grabbed the food and took it back down the drain before anyone could catch him!



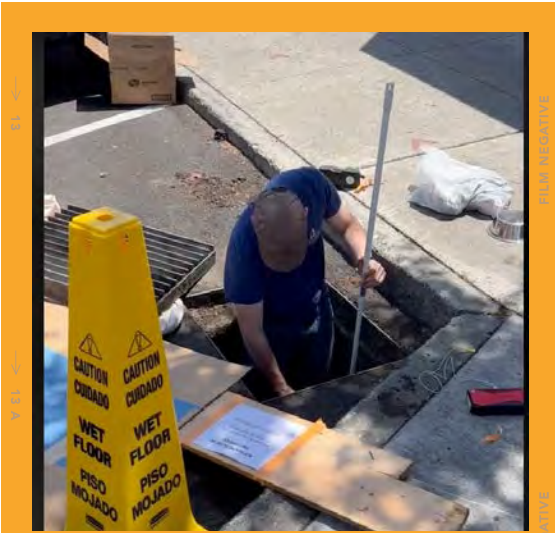
How were they going to get the kitten to come out again so they could trap him and keep him safe? They thought and thought. "Hmm, what would make the kitten want to come out"? What do little kittens want besides food?



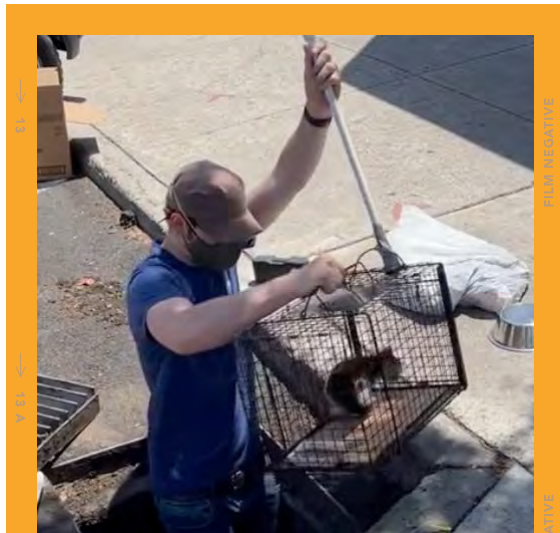
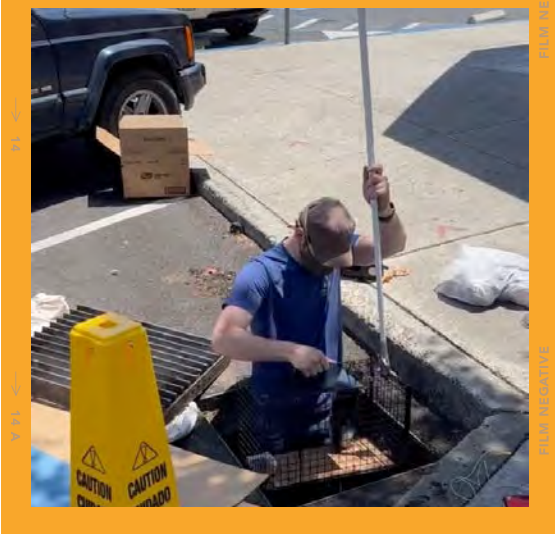
Then they had an idea! "Maybe the kitten will come out if it thinks its mama is here!"

They searched on the internet for some sounds that mama cats make when they are calling for their babies. The next day, they sat by the drain hole and played the MEOW!! Can you guess what happened?





The little kitten heard the sounds and thought his mama was there and came right out of the drain and into the trap.



They brought the kitten in the trap out of the hole and there he was, safe, sound, but a little scared, cold, and hungry!





The man and lady who rescued the kitten they named, Lucky, also helped foster kittens for Ohlone Humane Society. In foster homes, the kittens learn how to be friendly with people and other pets so they have a better chance of becoming adopted or part of someone's family.

They knew Lucky needed a bath after being in that dirty storm drain! Look at all that dirt!

Lucky needed food, too, and most of all he needed a lot of

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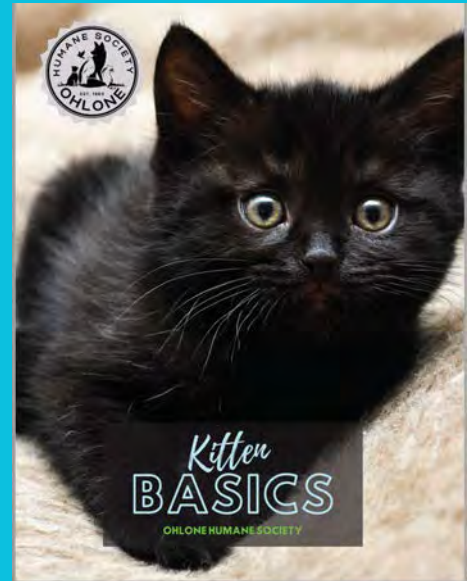
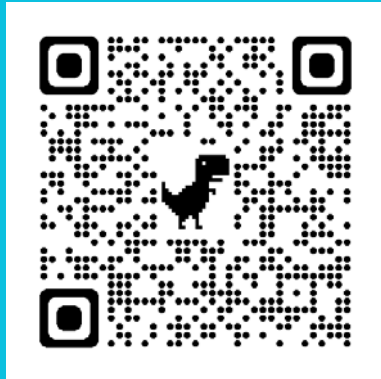




In his foster home, Lucky was petted and played with and given toys, a warm bed and a safe place to run around in and have fun, sometimes with other kittens!. When Lucky was old enough and weighed enough to have a special operation so he wouldn't make more kittens that could get stuck in storm drains, Lucky was adopted by the nice lady who actually heard Lucky in the storm drain. It was love at first sound!



For a booklet about basic kitten care, please visit the OHS Humane Education & Library



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