



OHS HUMANE EDUCATION NEWSLETTER



Promoting Education in Animal Welfare

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INTERNATIONAL RESCUE CAT DAY MARCH 3

History of International Rescue Cat Day

International Rescue Cat or Cat Rescue Day is believed to be founded by Yorkshire Cat Rescue in England in 2019 as the kickoff day annually for International Rescue Cat Awareness Month.

Community cats, sometimes called outdoor cats, free roaming cats, unowned cats, neighborhood cats, or feral cats are seen in every city and location where rodents or other prey thrive. They often live in groups called colonies and while some may be born outdoors and always live there, others may be lost or abandoned pets of someone who has moved or just not wanted them any longer.

Many people volunteer their time and money to take care of these animals, including getting them spayed or neutered to reduce the number of unwanted cats.

Some cities have programs through their government animal shelters to help feed and provide medical care, but other communities rely on the assistance of people who live near them or who are willing to help.



DIY Shelter for Community Cats
<https://www.asPCA.org/news/asPCA-nyc-agencies-and-local-youth-work-together-help-community-cats>

See two OHS kitten rescue stories from our TNR team and Foster program & our Community Cats booklet in our e-library.

March Animal Holidays

- World Wildlife Day - March 3
- International Rescue Cat Day - March 3
- K-9 Veteran's Day - March 13
- Learn About Butterflies Day & Save a Spider Day - March 14
- Swallows Return to San Juan Capistrano Day - March 19
- National Animal Poison Prevention Week - March 19-25

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY MARCH 3



Official Poster - CHENG HUI XIN

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY

World Wildlife Day is an international event sponsored by the United Nations. This year's theme is digital innovation for wildlife protection, including the use of technology to provide educational resources for animal veterinary study. Images in 3-D of musculature, skeleton, and organs are being developed for use by nonprofits to reduce the sacrificing of animals for research.

Each year, the United Nations and partner groups hold a contest for the poster to be used to advertise the World Wildlife Day. This year a graphic arts student in Malaysia, Cheng Hui Xin, won the competition with her colorful poster used in media all over the world. See her story and comments as inspiration to all our local arts students and art teachers!



[https://news.utar.edu.my/awards/2024/Jan/12/01/01.html#:~:text=Bachelor%20of%20Arts%20\(Honours\)%20Graphic,Nations%20on%205%20January%202024.](https://news.utar.edu.my/awards/2024/Jan/12/01/01.html#:~:text=Bachelor%20of%20Arts%20(Honours)%20Graphic,Nations%20on%205%20January%202024.)

FROM THE UNITED NATIONS

Did you know?

- 50,000 Wild Species Meet Needs of Billions Worldwide.
- 1 in 5 people around the world rely on wild species for income and food, while
- 2.4 billion people depend on wood fuel for cooking.
- It seems surprising, but cacti, seaweeds, giraffes, parrots, and oak trees are groups of species endangered.
- Currently there are 1 million species under threat.

AWARENESS FUN FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

STUDENT ROLE PLAY: What to do if you find kittens or an abandoned baby animal?

I FOUND KITTENS



<https://ohlonehumanesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/I-Found-Kittens.pdf>

You found kittens. Now what?

OHS is available to discuss care options and resources. Call 530-792-4567 or email info@ohlonehumanesociety.org

Are the kittens sick or injured?
YES: Take the kittens to a veterinarian immediately.
NO: Is the mother cat taking care of the kittens? The best place for a kitten is under the care of their mom. There are nurseries in the world's work that we cannot replicate that help them to build a strong immune system. Observe the kittens there a distance for several hours. Make absolutely sure that the mom is not around as she will know her kittens for hours at a time. She will hide from you and not come out when the babies that you are gone. Mark, estimate the age of the kittens.

1-2 weeks old: Let's hold, eye closed or just beginning to open.

2-4 weeks old: Lets unroll, eyes open, taking first wobbly steps.

4-6 weeks old: Playing with littermates, taking care of nest.

6-8 weeks old: Weighs 7-8 pounds, very active, wiggly tails.

9-11 weeks old: Weighs 7 lbs or more, behaviors of an adult.

Options:
Option 1: Notify OHS that you have kittens. We can advise if trapping is necessary. Government trappers will trap and remove both mom and kittens and the kittens will be returned around 8 weeks old. Mom can be spayed and returned once the kittens have been weaned. The trap trappers will return the kittens until they are 8 weeks old or the OHS Foster Family program may provide fostering if available.
Option 2: If there is an obvious danger to the kittens, then the kittens should be taken to a vet and an appointment should be made around 8 weeks old. It is important to isolate the kittens from a young age so that they can be adopted, but sharing with other animals is also important.

The priority is making sure the kittens and mom get spayed/ neutered!
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I FOUND A BABY BIRD



<https://ohlonehumanesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/I-Found-a-Baby-Bird.pdf>

I Found a Baby Bird Now What?

To Find a wildlife rehabilitator in your area, contact:
• Your state wildlife agency
• Humane Society
• Audubon Society
• Wildlife Rehabilitation Society
• Audubon Wildlife Society
• California Department of Fish and Wildlife
• Wildlife Rehabilitation Society
• Wildlife Rehabilitation Society

Is the bird hurt or sick? Look for signs of injury, such as bleeding, broken wings, or a swollen, inflamed eye.

Is it a fledgling? A fledgling is a young bird that has just learned to fly. It is usually very active and noisy.

Is it a nestling? A nestling is a young bird that has not yet learned to fly. It is usually very fluffy and quiet.

What to do:
• If the bird is hurt or sick, call a wildlife rehabilitator immediately.
• If the bird is a fledgling, observe it from a distance and do not touch it.
• If the bird is a nestling, call a wildlife rehabilitator immediately.
• If you are unsure, call a wildlife rehabilitator for advice.

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I FOUND A BABY MAMMAL



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I Found a Baby Mammal Now What?

To Find a wildlife rehabilitator in your area, contact:
• Your state wildlife agency
• Humane Society
• Audubon Society
• Wildlife Rehabilitation Society
• Audubon Wildlife Society
• California Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Can you find the mother or nest?
YES: Please do not touch the baby. The mother will return if she is not disturbed.
NO: Please take the baby to a wildlife rehabilitator.

Is the baby hurt or sick?
YES: Please take the baby to a wildlife rehabilitator immediately.
NO: Please take the baby to a wildlife rehabilitator.

What to do:
• If the baby is hurt or sick, call a wildlife rehabilitator immediately.
• If the baby is not hurt or sick, call a wildlife rehabilitator immediately.
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