

Dear Animal Lover:

As foster parents for the shelter, we have taken in many frightened, abandoned, and sometimes motherless kittens. Last fall we fostered two one-week-old kittens. Five days later, the little male kitten died. His sister cried for several days until an item I ordered over the Internet arrived. It calmed her immediately when I put it in her little sleeping box. This item, called a SnuggleKittie[®], has a beating heart and a place for a heat pack that lasts for 20 hours. A small nursing bottle may also be placed inside the SnuggleKittie to help nurse the kittens. A companion item, the SnugglePuppie[®], may also be used for small, orphaned puppies.



SnuggleKitties and SnugglePuppies are extremely helpful for animals recovering from surgery, motherless kittens and puppies, those who have lost a sibling or who have been abused, and those who come to the shelter that are scared of everyone and everything.

With kitten and puppy season fast approaching, the shelter is in great need of maintenance items such as batteries and heat packs.



If you would like to make a donation to help in the maintenance of our Snuggles, please send your check to the Dog and Cat Shelter, attention Cel, and indicate that it is to go towards SnuggleKittie or SnugglePuppie maintenance. Please help in any way that you can. Remember, donations and gifts are tax deductible. All money donated will go to the purchase of batteries (type 357, Silver Oxide) and heat packs which we purchase in bulk to save



money. Due to your earlier generosity, we now have 37 SnuggleKitties and SnugglePuppies at the Shelter.

Thank You,

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Adorable Little Roo was brought to the Shelter by Animal Control. A Good Samaritan had found her in the alley, tiny and hungry, with a head injury and broken front leg. This affectionate five-week-old little female handled her injuries well but HATED being alone. Her SnuggleKittie provides her with company, security and comfort while she heals and grows.

These little puppies are enjoying their newfound SnugglePuppie friend. They look pretty worn out and are ready for a rest.



More Snuggles Stories

1. Lucky came to the shelter at about 6 weeks of age after having an unfortunate run in with a car fan belt. This loving young lady with lots of charm snuggled right up to the SnuggleKittie and healing progressed as she relied on it for support. We'd often find her sitting on her haunches, leaning back against the SnuggleKittie looking like a plump little Buddha. She used the SnuggleKittie as a ramp into and out of the litter box from day one, eventually getting to the point of sliding on her belly down the SnuggleKittie, then throwing herself via her hind legs into our hand. Lucky healed, survived and was adopted by a loving home.
2. Kringle was about 4 months old when he arrived as a very loving kitten. He became frantic when left alone. A SnuggleKittie provided him with the comfort of a "companion" and enabled him to adjust to his new life.



3. A feral cat with three tiny kittens was brought to the Shelter. The mother and one kitten died but Madison and Steele fought on. Though they now scramble all over their cage and eat very well, at first they clung to the SnuggleKittie burrowing into her warm side and pressing to the beating heart.
4. Zeta and Alpha were the smallest of their litter; they were the last to be spayed and neutered, and put up for adoption. Each kitten was frantic when it woke up, alone, after surgery. A SnuggleKittie in each cage made everything okay.
5. Apollo, Ares and Artemis are the kitties of an inexperienced mother who needed help caring for them. Apollo suffered an unfortunate accident resulting in the need for special attention. When he was returned to his mother, she wasn't accepting at first; the SnuggleKittie provided a much needed tie between mother and kitten. At this time, all three kittens are healthy, neutered, and awaiting adoption.

6. Animal Control is cleaning out some city feral groups. Over the past two days they have brought us 4 – three week old kittens (right) that were very fussy. Placing the SnuggleKittie in the cage with them was a wonderful success. They pile onto it and do not move from it when we approach. As a result, we've been able to initiate hands on care much more quickly than usual.



7. Floppy (left) was brought in alone. He is about 4 weeks old and loves people. He has some health issues so he cannot be placed in with other kittens yet. Floppy dearly loves his SnuggleKittie, lying on it, pulling the ears and tail, and



in general, treating the SnuggleKittie as mother and playmate.

8. Molly came to us with a broken leg (right). Her SnugglePuppie has been a constant companion since she had her leg set and is helping her adjust nicely.
9. A Pomeranian mix that came in as a stray was so stressed and fearful we were worried about him. We gave him a SnugglePuppie to comfort him and he calmed down almost immediately. It turns out he belongs to an older lady who is in the Homeless Shelter. She asked someone to take care of him, they pawned him off on someone else, and he got out. We sorted out everything and he'll be okay, but the SnugglePuppie sure helped him when he came in.

