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## It Takes a Village

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Shelters aren't great environments for cats, and they are especially stressful for kittens. In fact, most shelters will not take kittens younger than six weeks of age because of the stress and potential for illness. Echo Lane Animal Clinic has been working closely with the Pasadena Animal Shelter and Houston PetSet, fostering these newborns and providing a safe and secure environment until they are old enough to be adopted.



As any parent will tell you, newborns are a lot of work! We are so grateful for all the clients who help out, some making a weekly pilgrimage to bottle feed and cuddle our babies. Socialization is critical to the adoption process, and many of our kittens arrive scared and feral. They need so much love to break through their fear, which is why we are incredibly lucky to have the PAWS Club members from Memorial High School. They make sure that even the tiniest, most vulnerable kittens feel safe and loved.

Last year, we saved over 50 kittens who are now flourishing in their forever homes and we look forward to saving even more in 2020. These kittens would never have made it without the time and effort from our volunteers, and we are blessed to have them help us every day. If you are ever in the neighborhood - feel free to stop in for a cuddle. You will be saving a life and making a huge impact on the feral cat problem in Houston.

