We’re Expecting!
The Santa Maria Animal Center is hosting a Kitten Shower

Every year, Santa Barbara County Animal Services’ Santa Maria Animal Center is hit hard with incoming kittens. This time of the year, also known as Kitten Season, the Animal Center is dependent on volunteer foster homes to help care for the orphaned kittens that enter the facility in waves. In an effort to help recruit more foster homes, volunteers, and gather much needed supplies the Santa Maria Animal Center is throwing its first ever “Kitten Shower” on March 12, 2016, from 1pm to 3pm.

Kitten Season, which is at its peak from late March through October, is a strain on staff and volunteer resources. The shelter is not a safe place for kittens to be raised and lacks the warmth and love of a home environment. “Each time kittens enter our shelter we scramble to find them a foster home that can provide a safe, warm, place for them to grow. If a foster home is not available, the kittens are at great risk of illness and potentially death because the shelter is not set up to provide the high level of care kittens require. We desperately need the communities support to make sure we can save as many lives as possible,” said Stacy Silva, Community Outreach Coordinator.

On Saturday, March 12, 2016, you are invited to a “Kitten Shower” where you will play games, enjoy refreshments, and learn about the many programs that the Animal Center provides. You will have the opportunity to win prizes, meet fellow animal lovers, and sign up to become a foster parent or volunteer. There is no fee to attend but the shelter hopes you will consider bringing a donation of much needed kitten supplies. You can find the “We’re Expecting” wish list at Amazon.com by searching Santa Barbara County Animal Services.

Becoming a foster parent is easy and very rewarding. Fostering meets the requirement for community service hours as well. The shelter provides all medical care, supplies, and training while fosters are expected to provide transportation to and from the shelter, love, and a safe place for the kittens to grow.

If you are unable to attend the “Kitten Shower” but would like to get involved, contact Stacy Silva at 805.934.6981.

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