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**Trapped three week old kittens saved by Peninsula Humane Society Officers**

**REDWOOD CITY, CA.** – On May 1<sup>st</sup> Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) Animal Rescue and Control Officers responded to an unusual rescue of three nearly three week old kittens trapped inside the axle support arm of a boom lift in Redwood City. A boom lift is a four wheeled vehicle with a telescopic basket on the end that can lift workers high into the air for maintenance or construction.

The kittens were trapped inside the boom lift and couldn't be seen, just heard. Using a portable inspection camera PHS/SPCA Animal Rescue and Control Officers crawled underneath the boom lift to take photos and video to determine exactly where the kittens were and how many.

The PHS/SPCA officers were able to see three trapped kittens with the portable inspection camera and using a modified bird net were then able to capture, one by one, all three of the trapped kittens bringing them to the surface. This process took nearly an hour. PHS/SPCA officers checked the area thoroughly to ensure no other kittens were left behind. The officers searched for the mother, but unfortunately the mother of the kittens could not be found.

Other than being dehydrated, all three kittens were alert and in good condition. They were immediately transported to PHS/SPCA's Kitten Nursery in Burlingame for a veterinary checkup and treatment. Veterinary staff surmised the kittens may have been trapped in the boom lift for a few days until they were rescued.

Several years ago PHS/SPCA purchased a small inspection camera to assist with animals stuck in walls, pipes, or car engines. Since purchasing the camera, the lives of ten animals, including the three kittens, have been saved.

The three kittens, named John, Wendy and Peter by PHS/SPCA staff will continue to be cared for at PHS/SPCA's Kitten Nursery and once they reach two pounds they will be placed for adoption at our adoption center in Burlingame.

**About Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**

Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA is a private, open-door, not-for-profit animal welfare organization. Primary programs include animal adoptions; animal rescue and sheltering, including specialty care for domestic animals with medical and/or behavioral challenges; wildlife rehabilitation; animal cruelty investigation; community outreach and education; low-cost spay/neuter; and obedience classes. This vital work is made possible by volunteers and donations. PHS/SPCA receives no funding from national animal welfare organizations. Visit [www.phs-sPCA.org](http://www.phs-sPCA.org) to learn about all PHS/SPCA's programs and services, ways to help the animals and special events.

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