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Homeless Kitten Rescued From Highway 101 Yesterday Recovering at Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

San Mateo, CA---Thanks to a quick reacting Good Samaritan, a black and white homeless kitten was rescued yesterday after attempting to cross southbound Highway 101 near the Ralston Avenue exit during the rush hour morning traffic.

"What started as a normal morning commute to work turned into an astonishing rescue of a kitten," said Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA's (PHS/SPCA) Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. "A driver noticed a kitten running alongside the concrete divider on southbound Highway 101 near the Ralston Avenue exit, and then attempt to dart across the busy highway. The driver stopped and with the assistance of two other drivers, who also stopped to assist, blocked traffic and rescued the kitten."

The frightened kitten took refuge in the truck wheel of the man's Ford F350. The man then safely captured the kitten and brought him to PHS/SPCA. PHS/SPCA staff christened the kitten Leo in honor of the man who saved him.

"We estimate the kitten is about seven weeks old. He has no identification, and thankfully has no visible injuries from his harrowing ordeal," according to Tarbox.

Photos of the kitten sitting inside the Good Samaritan's truck immediately after the rescue and resting at PHS/SCPA.





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About the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and also, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means 6,300 lives saved each year. Please visit www.phs-spca.org to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.