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Tree House Animal Foundation presents: Kitty Kindergarten

Wednesday, August 9 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Soggy Paws, 1148 W. Leland

Chicago - Join syndicated Tribune columnist, syndicated radio host, WGN Radio personality and certified dog and cat behavior consultant, Steve Dale as he trains you how to better socialize your kitten. The class consists of one ninety-minute session and cost \$15. All proceeds from Kitty Kindergarten will go to Tree House! We are also excited to announce that "The Early Show's" Dr. Debbye Turner will be covering the class to be aired on CBS News.

Class Objectives include:

- * To boost kitty confidence
- * Acclimate kittens to carriers
- * Acclimate kittens to traveling in cars
- * Acclimate kittens to veterinarian or technician exam; strangers handling kitty
- * To answer any questions concerning misbehavior or perceived misbehavior
- * To talk about practical in-home concerns
- * Litter box 101
- * To encourage scratching in the right places and discourage scratching in the wrong places
- * Giving pills to cats
- * Basic diet / feeding information
- * Grooming
- * Play/Socialization to others of their own kind, to dogs and to simply have fun.
- * To demonstrate how to shape behavior (training using a clicker)

Your cat needs a health certificate signed by your veterinarian before being accepted for enrollment. Only cats 8 to 15 weeks are eligible to participate although guardians of older cats may still enroll in the classes (without their cats). Children are encouraged to attend the class but children under age 7 must be supervised by a second adult. All kittens should have a brush, leash and harness and they should arrive in a carrier.

Please check our web site www.treehouseanimals.org for more information or call Tree House at 773-784-5488 ext. 231 to register.

Tree House was established in 1971 as a no-kill, cageless shelter for sick, injured, and abused stray cats. At Tree House, cats curl up on sunny windowsills, sleep in comfortable cat trees, and interact with staff, volunteers, and other cats. We currently shelter 300 cats and found loving homes for nearly 500 cats in 2005. More than 17,000 cats have been adopted since Tree House's founding. Our in-house clinic offers full veterinary care for all admitted cats, and our Socialization Program helps to adapt feral cats to domestic life. Tree House also offers a variety of community programs and informational publications to educate people on the importance of the human/animal bond. Tree House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity and proud member of the Chicago Animal Shelter Alliance (CASA).