

# O'Malley PET takes in 24 cats from Klein shelter

Pets to stay in foster  
homes until adopted

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Forty felines were sent to East Texas O'Malley Alley Cat chapters, including 24 received by the Nacogdoches O'Malley PET (Preventing Euthanasia Together) chapter, following the closure of the Richard D. Klein Animal Shelter in Jacksonville.

"Nacogdoches O'Malley pulled 24 and Tyler O'Malley pulled 16," said Diana Hensley, president and founder of O'Malley PET.

"Some of them are going to need extensive vetting, but most of them are doing pretty good."

The O'Malley Nacogdoches clinic had eight of the Klein cats spayed

## To donate

- Donations to O'Malley PET can be made via PayPal at [www.omalleyalleycat.com](http://www.omalleyalleycat.com). Also, checks can be mailed to O'Malley PET, P.O. Box 633452, Nacogdoches, Texas 75963-3452. As a 501(c)(3) organization, donations to O'Malley at tax deductible.
- Food and litter donations can be set on the O'Malley front porch, located at 611 North Fredonia. Hensley can be reached at 936-556-2754 or [feralaristocat@yahoo.com](mailto:feralaristocat@yahoo.com).

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and neutered Thursday and one Friday. About seven will be altered this week.

"So far, all have tested negative for feline leukemia," she added. "They're all very sweet. Two of them were already altered so they were obviously owned."

Executive Director Angela Wallace, 35, of the Klein Animal Shelter was arrested in January for charges of animal cruelty, assault and illegal euthanasia, according to the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Since that time, the shelter lost its rabies quarantine certification after the Texas Department of State Health Services found multiple problems that "raise serious concerns about the safety and care of the animals there," according to an email from Carrie Williams, director of media relations for the agency, to the Telegraph.

According to a press release from the Cherokee County District Attorney's Office dated Jan. 22, the "Jacksonville Police Department is conducting a lengthy investigation into these allegations and the

district and county attorney's offices have worked closely together filing charges as the case involve both felonies and misdemeanors."

The DA could not comment on investigation specifics, the release states, but indicate "numerous credible people from our community came forward with concerns about the shelter."

The Cherokee DA's office requests anyone with first-hand information pertaining to the Klein Animal Shelter or with information about attempts to hinder the investigation contact JPD Det. Tonya Harris.

Hensley said O'Malley's goal is for the 24 cats to go into homes "otherwise we have to send them off to no-kill adoption facilities."

She added the intake from Klein was the largest group the Nacogdoches organization has received.

"We have done a lot of trap/neuter/returns on large colonies, but most of those were returned because they're feral and

not adoptable," Hensley said. "This was the largest intake between Nacogdoches and Tyler."

The cats are staying in foster homes around Nacogdoches until they are adopted or sent to other facilities. The Nacogdoches Animal Services and Adoption Center did not receive any of the animals rescued from Klein, said manager Teresa Jordan.

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"We certainly can use food and litter right now," Hensley said. "We do like a food that has lower corn in it like a Purina One and just regular Science Diet."

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