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Nine Lives Saves Lives

In Wake of San Antonio Pound Investigation, New Store Owner Vows to Start Cat Refuge

She's merging two dreams: encouraging reading and saving cats. On **Wednesday, December 15th**, San Antonian Suzanne Farnsworth will open her new low cost book store, **Nine Lives Books**, where a portion of profits will go toward building **The 10th Life Cat Sanctuary**, a center for cats with special needs and adoptable cats. "I have loved cats all my life. There have been so many times when I have seen cats with special needs put to sleep," Farnsworth says as she carefully places a book on a shelf inside her 6,000 square foot book store. "I will care for those cats that nobody wants."

To show she's serious, Farnsworth has rescued nine cats--a mother cat and eight kittens--who will call the new store home. "Because San Antonio is not a no-kill city, I really think there is a need," Farnsworth said. "If these kittens had been taken to the pound, they would have been gassed," she said, referring to the pound's practice of euthanizing kittens and puppies less than four months of age. The cat and kittens will each be named after a Nobel Laureates, Farnsworth added. "I admire Nobel Laureates, people who are working to make the world a better place."

The store is called **Nine Lives Books** not only because of Farnsworth's love of cats. "I believe books can have lots of lives," she said, explaining how the store employees will buy and pay cash for gently used, music, books, games, software and movies. An estimated 80% of merchandise is priced at _ of retail price or less. Farnsworth hopes the low cost will encourage San Antonians to read.

On **Tuesday, December 14th**, the news media is invited to get video of the mother black cat, her three black kittens, plus three Siamese, a Tabby, and an Orange Tiger Kitten. The kittens are being treated by **Dr. Paul Tschirhart** at **Oak Hills Veterinary Hospital, 6614 South Point, 342-9518**. "They looked a little scruffy," Farnsworth said. "But

we're hoping they'll get a clean bill of health. It warms my heart." Farnsworth will also be available for interviews in her store, located at **4919 Northwest Loop 410 Village in the Summit Shopping Center**. The store will not only have live cats, but much of the décor will reflect a love for felines.

On Wednesday December 15th, the media is also invited to get video of the kittens being brought to their new store home. Farnsworth will also be available for interviews on this date.