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FREE SPAY AND NEUTER DAY FOR CATS

Miami-Dade Residents Urged to Spay or Neuter their Cats

(MIAMI, March xx, 2009) – In an effort to help control the cat overpopulation problem in Miami-Dade County, the Animal Services Department, Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet, The Cat Network, Inc., South Florida Veterinary Medical Association and South Florida Veterinary Foundation will join forces and offer free spay/neuter services on March 22nd, 2009 at the clinic located at 10700 SW 211 Street, Miami, FL 33189. Local veterinarians will be donating their time to perform the spays and neuters.

Participating organizations encourage pet owners to spay or neuter their pets, as it helps reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats and protects them from health issues that may develop later in life.

What: Free spay and neuter for **cats only**. By appointment only.

Who: Miami-Dade Animal Services Department
Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt a Pet
The Cat Network, Inc.
South Florida Veterinary Medical Association
South Florida Veterinary Foundation.

When: Sunday, March 22nd, 2009.
Call for appointment (305) 805-1603, Mon-Fri 9:30 am to 5:30 pm

Where: 10700 SW 211 Street, Miami, FL 33189

Requirements: Service for Miami-Dade County Residents only. Proof of current rabies vaccination for cats over 4 months of age. A rabies vaccine can be obtained the day of surgery at no additional cost. Veterinarian may decline surgery due to health reasons. Feral cats will be ear tipped to identify them as sterilized.

The pet overpopulation crisis needs the entire community to work together in order to reduce the number of animals abandoned and ultimately euthanized at Animal Services. In this partnership, our goal is to sterilize approximately 300 cats.

About Miami-Dade Animal Services Department

Miami-Dade Animal Services is responsible for enforcing Chapter V, as well as Florida Statute 828, which deals primarily with animal cruelty issues. Each year, the shelter impounds more than 34,000 pets. The goal at Animal Services is to reunite lost pets with their families or find life-long homes for as many animals as possible. Related links: www.miamidade.gov/animals or call Miami-Dade's Answer Center at 3-1-1.

About The Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet

The Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet is a limited admit, adoption guarantee facility dedicated to placing every dog and cat in their care into a loving home, and to promoting responsible pet ownership and spay/neuter programs. For more information: www.humanesocietymiami.org

About The Cat Network, Inc.

The Cat Network, Inc. is dedicated to humanely reducing cat overpopulation by educating the public about the need to sterilize their pets and strays; providing access to low-cost spay/neuter services for stray, homeless and abandoned cats; helping members in their efforts to place adoptable cats in loving homes; and advocating non-lethal population control and humane public policy. For more information: www.thecatnetwork.org

About The South Florida Veterinary Medical Association (SFVMA) and The South Florida Veterinary Foundation (SFVF)

The South Florida Veterinary Medical Association (SFVMA) promotes the highest professional relationships among its members and the public. A key objective of the Association is to provide programs that further the professional education of veterinarians in an atmosphere of friendship and cooperation. The South Florida Veterinary Foundation (SFVF) works closely with the SFVMA to promote humane education and increase awareness and understanding of the human/animal bond and veterinary medicine in the South Florida community.

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