



FERAL CAT SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 23, 2009 (Monday) the Humane Society will be honoring Florida's Animal Awareness Month by kicking off a low cost spay/neuter event for feral cats.

WHY: Highlands County is overrun with stray and feral cats that have been lost, tossed, dumped or abandoned. Thousands of kittens are being born in the woods, behind shopping centers, under dumpsters. Less than 2% of these kittens are finding their ways to families – what is happening to the others? What is happening to the moms, having a minimum of two litters a year! Feral/stray cats are not indigenous to Highlands County, they are a man made problem and as a community we need your help to stop the insanity and provide care to the animals in need.

This past year with the economy as it is, it has been hard for all of use in Highlands County. Since the residents of Highlands County support the Humane Society (which runs strictly on donations), we are going to offer this program on a monthly basis in hopes of stopping this cycle and offering relief to not only our community but to the animals in need.

Please read the following guidelines to participate in this program:

- ALL cats must be secured in a humane trap (NO EXCEPTIONS No crates, no carriers, no boxes)
- ONE cat per trap (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- ALL cats will have their ear tipped after surgery (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- All cats will be spayed or neutered and given a rabies shot
- Fee for this service will be \$40.00 – payment must be made when the cat(s) are dropped off.
- All cats must be picked up by 3:00 pm same day.
- Any cats not picked up without a call from the owner will be turned over to County Animal Control.

To make an appointment (drop off time) please contact the Humane Society via EMAIL ONLY at humanesociety@tnni.net.

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Additional Information coming soon –