

June is Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month

The Anderson Humane Society joins the ASPCA and Petfinder.com to celebrate June as Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month. "At this time of year when animal shelters are over-flowing with cats of all ages, there has never been a better time to adopt a feline friend," comments Sandy Warner, a volunteer and member of the Humane Society. "Bringing this new friend into your home and heart will help reduce stress and improve the overall quality of your life forever. Studies have shown that felines can help Americans live longer and healthier lives by easing anxiety and lowering blood pressure."

Shelters have wacky kittens, adventuresome adolescents, captivating young adults and Mature comfort-seekers that await the perfect family. "Spring is the time of year when animal shelters are filled with cats of all ages, sizes, and colors," said Donna Callahan, President of the Humane Society. "By adopting a cat, not only are you giving them a second chance, but you will also have a lifelong companion who will bring many years of love and devotion to your family." New and potential cat owners can log on to www.petfinder.com to see cats and kittens up for adoption at your local shelter.

"Make Pet Adoption Your First Option" is a message that the Humane Society encourages throughout the year to facilitate the goal of ending the euthanasia of adoptable animals. The Humane Society's online partner Petfinder.com is helping to achieve this goal by allowing potential adopters to view thousands of animals ranging in age, size, breed and location.

To help celebrate Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month, the Anderson Humane Society will be having an "Adopt A Cat, Get A Buddy Free" event.

From June 1-June 30, when you adopt a cat from the Humane Society at the regular adoption fee of \$65 (which includes testing for feline leukemia and FIV, all vaccinations, and spay/neuter) you can get a second cat for yourself...or a friend...at no charge (the second cat will also get tested for feline leukemia and FIV, receive all vaccinations, and get spayed/neutered).

Starting in the springtime and continuing into summer, the shelter becomes inundated with kittens. We have about fifty cats for you to choose from right now, with more arriving each day. And with this limited time adoption event, there has never been a better time for you to adopt!

Please visit www.petfinder.com to see our adoptable kitties, or come out to the shelter located at 1410 Versailles Road. Open weekdays from 9:00-3:00 and Saturdays from 12:00-2:00.

"When you adopt a cat, you have a friend for life."

Ten Reasons Why Two Cats Are Better Than One



#1: You're saving two lives instead of one. If it's kitten season, that's one more kitten that will get a home instead of growing into an adult which will decrease its chance of getting adopted." It is entirely true that kittens are much easier to place than adult cats, and the 15-month-old cat you see in the shelter today is very likely a holdover from last year's crop of kittens. Another way of looking at it is that it's better to get all the kittens adopted out right away, to give the older cats a better chance at finding homes.



#2: One kitten can become lonely. A cat left alone during the day can become lonely and bored, which sometimes can lead to mischief. Two cats will never be lonely, especially if they are siblings. Shelter volunteers recognize that siblings really need to stay together.

#3: One kitten can just drive an older cat nuts. Although it might sound contrary, an older, established cat will probably accept two kittens better than one. One kitten will seek out the older cat as a playmate, or worse, tease and pester the senior cat which can cause stress to an older cat. The kitten in return, will be "rewarded" for his playful efforts with hisses and swats. Two kittens will expend their energy in play with each other, leaving their older "uncle" to relax in peace.

#4: Two cats will "self-train." Cats and kittens learn by copying. If one is quick to learn appropriate litter box use, the other will be likely to copy. They also help each other with grooming; washup after meals soon becomes a ritual with two felines.

#5: They help each other burn off energy. Even the most devoted human caregiver can quickly become exhausted by trying to keep up with the energy of a single kitten. Two kittens will wear each other out, leaving their human parent free to just enjoy watching them.

#6: Fewer behavior problems with two cats. Many people who experience behavior problems with their cat find that some of them go away when they adopt another playmate. What may be perceived as mischief is often just the result of boredom. Much like their human counterparts, cats sometimes misbehave because "negative attention is better than no attention."

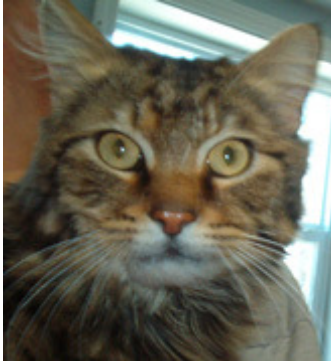
#7: Curiosity overcomes "food finickyness." If one cat is finicky about food, the belligerence is often overcome by curiosity at what its *sibling* is eating. (Feed one cat the same old stuff, the other cat the new stuff, and they both end up tasting the new stuff.)

#8: They act as pillows for one another. Cats will often play so hard that they simply flop where they are, and more likely than not, they will flop next to (or on top of) each other. There is no sight so endearing as two kitties curled up together for a nap. Their peaceful innocence can soften the heart of even the grumpiest curmudgeon, and the sight of that blissful moment will wash clean the slate of their previous misdoings.

#9: Having two kittens is insanely fun. They're just so much darn fun to watch! You just can't beat the downright fun of having two kittens!

#10: They will each have a friend for life. Two kittens who grow up together will almost always be lifelong friends. Although they will sometimes have their little squabbles (what friends don't?) you will more often see them engaging in mutual grooming, playing together, and sleeping with their best pal. If you are considering adopting a kitten, think about your best friend and consider whether you would deprive your kitten of the enrichment a friend brings to life.

SPOTLIGHT ON:



#282 Chase-Sponsored
Domestic Long Hair

"Hi there! My name is Chase and I'm a lovey kitty who came to the shelter on May 11th. I had been hanging around over on Hamlin Way for about a week, so some people brought me out here so they can find me a safe indoor home. My favorite thing to do is to cuddle up and rub up people. If you hold me, I'll put both of my arms around your neck and love you all day long." Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Chase's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!

#89 Aspen-Sponsored
Siberian Husky

"Hi. My name is Aspen and as you can see from my pictures, I'm a happy happy boy! Yeah, I know. The shelter is not the type of place a dog would be happy to be, but hey, it could be worse. I could be out roaming the streets, like I was before. Me and my buddy, Cooper, were picked up down on Gilberts Creek Road, where we had been hanging around for three or four days. So we came out here until we're adopted. I hope it's soon! I'd really love a family to be happy with!" Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Aspen's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!



#294 Murray
Domestic Short Hair-orange

"My name is Murray and I'm a shy little kitten who came here with my two sisters. Our owner turned us in so that the shelter could try to find new homes for us. I sure hope they can! I'm really looking forward to getting out of this cage and going home to meet my new family."

#96 BJ-Sponsored
Labrador Retriever *Mix*

"Why hello! How are you today? Did you come here just to meet me? I'm flattered! That makes me feel so special. Know what else would make me feel special. If my owners would come and get me. It feels awful to know that you're in a place like this when you have a home somewhere. I hope they love me enough to come get me. If they don't, could you love me?" Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of BJ's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!



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We wanted to take a few moments to recognize the hardest working member of the Humane Society, Donna Callahan. Donna was one of the founding members who worked to get the animal shelter built over twenty years ago. She has served various positions in the Humane Society over the years and does a wide variety of jobs. She answers all inquiries received via our Petfinder listings. She is in charge of organizing our fundraising activities and information booths, and recruiting volunteers to help with them. She works with several animal

rescue groups who pull animals from our shelter into their own programs. We have partnered with some rescue groups up north who pull animals from the shelter once a month, and Donna is the one who takes our pets on the first leg of their journey, to meet up with the transporters who will take them the rest of the way. Although this seems simple, please keep in mind that these transports are lengthy, and Donna starts her part of the trip very early in the morning...usually around 3:00 am!!! She also takes care of making deposits for our building fund, and meeting with the builders and contractors to make decisions regarding the addition to our current shelter. She attends various conferences throughout the year regarding fundraising, animal control, animal care, promotion techniques, and many other topics so that she can be sure that the Humane Society can function as smoothly as possible. But make no mistake, Donna's expertise is not limited to "public relations". She also spends time on the weekends mowing the grass and doing other maintenance at the shelter. There have been lots of times when Donna has spent her days at the shelter cleaning cages, even as she was about to give birth to her son. Many late night hours, Donna has went out on emergency calls to pick up dogs who were strayed...and sometimes stranded. Such as the time she had to go pick up a german shepherd out of a car when his owner was arrested. Donna faces lots of trying times that inevitably go along with this job and she does it with grace. Because she knows how important her job is, and she knows that it takes a strong person, mentally and physically, to stand up and do what is right for the animals. So we want to thank you, Donna, for everything you have done and continue to do! You truly are an angel for the animals.