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Spay Day 2010

Spay Day is an annual campaign of The Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society International to inspire people to save animal lives by spaying or neutering pets and feral cats. Officially the last Tuesday of February (the 23rd), Spay Day includes events and activities taking place throughout February across the United States and U.S. territories, and around the world.

Friends of the Jefferson Animal Shelter will be sponsoring a **Spay Day Event** during February – **“Five for Five.”** We will be offering 5 vouchers for \$5 for five feral cats (limit 5 per trapper). Feral cats must be in traps and will be ear-tipped in order to qualify for the “Five for Five” vouchers.

Upcoming Events:

- **January 16th Adoption Day** Jefferson Feed, Pet & Garden Center, 10am-2pm
- **January 30th Adoption Day** Jefferson Feed, Pet & Garden Center, 10am-2pm
- **February 20th “CleoCATra** at Jefferson Feed, Pet & Garden Center, 10am-2pm

Spay Day 2010 Pet Photo Contest

Enter your pet’s picture in the Spay Day 2010 Online Pet Photo Contest and help raise lifesaving funds for spay/neuter. The contest runs from Jan. 20-Mar. 4, 2010. Each vote for your pet costs just \$1 (minimum number of votes is 5). When you upload your pet’s photo, you may choose which eligible organization participating in Spay Day receives your photo’s vote money (we hope you’ll choose Friends of the Jefferson Animal Shelter!!) to spay or neuter even more pets after Spay Day is over. Spay Day 2009 photo contest entrants raised more than \$228,000 for 173 U.S. event organizers, which allowed them to spay or neuter an estimated 7,361 additional animals.

Click here <http://photocontest.humanesociety.org/contest.html?contestId=2> to register your pet and start raising funds!

“Be a Lifesaver” Spay/Neuter Program

Our “Be a Lifesaver” Spay/Neuter Program continues. Low cost spay/neuter is available as follows:

Voucher program for kittens/cats – Residents of Jefferson or Orleans Parish are eligible for vouchers for kittens/cats - \$10 co-pay feral/stray cats (these will be ear-tipped), \$25 co-pay owned kittens/cats.

Voucher program for puppies/dogs – Residents of Jefferson Parish are eligible for vouchers for puppies/dogs of any size for a \$25 co-pay. Residents of Orleans and St. Bernard Parish are eligible for vouchers for dogs weighing a minimum of 40# for a \$25 co-pay.

Visit us on voucher distribution days (listed at www.fjas.petfinder.com and click on “Spay/Neuter Help”) to purchase your spay/neuter voucher.

In addition to our “Be a Lifesaver” Spay/Neuter Program, Southern Animal Foundation, along with Jefferson Parish, has a program called “**Spay Jefferson.**” Residents of Jefferson Parish may have their cat or their dog spayed/neutered **at Southern Animal Foundation for \$10.** Call 975-7387 for an appointment (proof of residency required).

LA/SPCA has \$10 spay/neuter surgery for feral cats during January (no voucher required). Call 368-5191, X141 to make your appointment. And, **Southern Animal Foundation has free spay/neuter surgery on January 24th for feral cats** in Jefferson Parish. Call 975-7387 to make your appt.

We ask that you pass this information on to family, friends and co-workers. **Together, we can end pet overpopulation.**

Santa Photos at Petco

Many thanks to Jackie Moore, Husband Mark and Daughter Paige. Mark played Santa and Jackie and Paige were elves for the Santa Photos at Petco in Kenner on December 12th. Jackie says they had a good time, but the inclement weather probably kept a few people from venturing out.

CleoCATra

The dogs seem to have all the fun at parades, so the cats want their own event! CleoCATra will feature adoptable cats (and dogs) on February 20th at Jefferson Feed, Pet & Garden Center, 10am-2pm. More to come about this event in January's newsletter.

Vote in the Animal Rescue Site Challenge

Once again, the Animal Rescue Site (www.theanimalsrescuesite.com) is hosting a special challenge for eligible Petfinder.com member shelter and rescue groups. The grand prize is a \$10,000 grant, and they will be awarding many other grants to rescue groups with the most votes — a total of \$100,000 in grants for animal welfare organizations.

All you have to do is click to help rescued animals, and then vote in The Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter+ Challenge. Both of these actions are absolutely free! You can vote once a day, every day, from **January 18th through April 18th, 2010**. Every time you vote, or tell a friend to vote, you are making a huge difference for us.



The Dog House Notes from The Dog!

Doggy Day Care

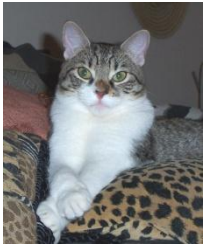
No longer does your dog need to stay home alone all day - he can spend the day with friends!

These days, your pooch can go to “doggy day care” and hang out with all his four-legged friends (and some two-legged ones too!). He'll spend the day romping and playing and maybe have an afternoon nap. No longer bored all day, he'll come home and enjoy a quiet evening with you after you have had a hard day at work.

For dogs to attend doggy day care, they must be up-to-date on vaccines and pass a temperament test. In addition, some doggy day cares require that your pet be spayed/neutered.

Many doggy day cares also offer other services such as boarding, grooming, birthday parties, etc.

There are several doggy day cares in the New Orleans Metro area. Check with friends and family for recommendations and find one that best suits you and your dog.



Ask Emma

Your Feline Consultant!

Feline Body Language

Learning how to interpret your cat's body language will help you form a stronger bond with your cat and help you avoid misunderstandings.

"A gentle head butt means your cat adores you!"

A cat that rolls over and displays its belly means it is relaxed. This doesn't necessarily mean he wants a belly rub!

Head butting and rubbing against another cat or human is a sign of deep affection. Rubbing is a way of marking. Another sign of deep affection is kneading.

A cat communicates acceptance and trust by blinking. Try blinking back – he will appreciate the gesture.

Staring at your cat may make him feel threatened.

An agitated cat will display dilated pupils, arched back and raised hair on the back, and will have a rapid heartbeat.

The fast-moving twitch of the end of the tail is an early sign that your cat is starting to get agitated. When the tail is puffed up, it means your cat is unpredictable and ready to defend itself.

Your cat will flatten his ears when he becomes anxious or fearful. The flatter the ears, the more anxious or fearful he is.

Learn your cat's vocabulary so that you know the difference between his cries for dinner, his ready-to-attack mode, or his distress calls.

Twenty-Six for Tails

Tessa, East Bank Animal Care Specialist, will be running her first marathon – the Rock n' Roll Mardi Gras Marathon in New Orleans on February 28, 2010.

Tessa has put together a fundraising webpage to keep her motivated for the marathon. Visit Tessa's webpage at <http://www.firstgiving.com/twenty-six-for-tails> to support her in her run. If you prefer to donate by check, please mail your check to FJAS, P.O. Box 1079, Metairie, LA 70004 and mark it "Tessa's Marathon Run." We will let her know that you are supporting her in her efforts.

