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Feline Population on the Rise, Kittens Available Now

County Urges Citizens to Spay/Neuter Pets to Reduce Overpopulation of Animals

St. Charles County — The St. Charles County Pet Adoption Center has a large selection of kittens and cats available for immediate adoption. All felines in the adoption program receive a thorough health examination, initial vaccinations, spay or neuter service, temperament testing, and a microchip for identification purposes. In an effort to place all animals with responsible owners, the Pet Adoption Center encourages citizens interested in adopting a cat to visit the facility and get acquainted with a loveable animal that could become your new best friend.

The overpopulation of cats and kittens is not unique to St. Charles County. Humane service organizations nationwide experience an increase in felines each year during the spring and summer months as a result of pet owners who fail to spay or neuter their animals. The number of available animals has been increasing almost daily as animal control officers recover more stray animals from neighborhoods countywide and citizens bring in litters of kittens, the result of not spayed and not neutered pets. While surrender is better than abandoning of these kittens to the wild, it still adds to an already out of control cat population problem.

“More animals are born during the spring and summer months because more pets are allowed outdoors during these times. The public can practice responsible animal ownership and

help reduce the number of stray and unwanted animals by getting their pets spayed or neutered. This will not only eliminate future births, but will help limit the spread of disease by stray animals, and reduce the number of animals euthanized in shelters due to overpopulation,” states John Carpenter, Deputy Director of St. Charles County’s Humane Services division. “We try to provide care and shelter for as long as possible in hopes that someone will adopt an animal. Right now we have a nice selection of kittens and cats available for adoption. We want to encourage the public to visit the Pet Adoption Center and take one home.”

Animals in the adoption program may be viewed weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Pet Adoption Center serves St. Charles County through sheltering and adopting animals, providing pet owner education, animal control services, and investigation of incidents involving animal cruelty and neglect. The St. Charles County Pet Adoption Center is located at 4850 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, three miles south of Highway 70 across from St. Charles County Community College. For further information about pet adoption services in St. Charles County, call 636-949-PETS (7387) or visit the Department of Community Health and the Environment website at www.scchealth.org.