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Voices for Animals and the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA host the
Free Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic on Saturday, June 26, 2010

For Immediate Release (June 8, 2010): Voices for Animals and the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA are joining forces once again to help stop animal overpopulation by offering a **Free Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic on Saturday, June 26, at the SPCA's main campus on 3355 Berkmar Drive.** The Clinic allows people in city of Charlottesville and Albemarle County to bring in feral cats that they are caring for on their property or from colonies they are managing and to have the cats spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies and distemper. The feral cats also receive de-worming medicine, topical flea treatment, ear mite medicine, a long-term antibiotic shot, and pain medication.

"The goal is clearly to reduce the number of unwanted kittens being born in our community," says Executive Director, Susanne Kogut. "The **SPCA already takes in more than 400 cats and kittens in the summer months**. It is important that every effort is placed on sterilizing our community's cats." In addition to the Clinics, the SPCA offers spay/neuter services for domestic cats owned by individuals that cannot otherwise afford this option.

Reservations for the Free Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Day are required and can be made by calling 434-979-1200 or by emailing info@voicesforanimals.org. Animals can be dropped off between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on June 26 at the SPCA and picked back up for release between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. that afternoon. For the safety of the cats and our volunteers, all cats must be transported to the Clinic in humane box traps (pet carriers are not acceptable). To borrow humane traps and attend a short training session on safe, humane trapping methods, you must attend the **trap-loan training session which will be offered Saturday, June 19, at 10 a.m**. at the SPCA.

Voices for Animals is an all-volunteer charitable animal rights organization founded in 1984 and based in Charlottesville, Virginia. In addition to the Free Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Clinics, Voices for Animals coordinates the annual Charlottesville Vegetarian Festival, educational tablings at community events, letter-writing campaigns, speaking engagements, demonstrations, and pet food drives for the needy, doing all they can to promote a better world for animals. For more information visit their website at www.voicesforanimals.org.

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that provides a safe environment for the lost, abandoned, and homeless animals of Charlottesville and Albemarle County and places them in good homes. We strive to set a standard of excellence and leadership in animal care, humane education, and progressive animal welfare programs. The SPCA's main campus is located at 3355 Berkmar Drive in Charlottesville and is open seven days a week from 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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