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SPCA answers the question: when is the best time to get my cat fixed?

Charlottesville, Virginia: When is the best time to get your cat fixed? The SPCA says there is only one answer to that question – it is before your cat has a litter of kittens. Despite offering to fix cats for free for the past six months, the SPCA has seen a significant number of kitten litters coming into their doors. SPCA spay/neuter coordinator Beth McPhee says she tries to get the word out every where she goes. “There is still time to take advantage of the SPCA’s offer to fix your cat for free. Summer is the breeding season for cats. Adolescent cats can give birth as young as five months, but you can prevent unwanted litters by getting your cat fixed today.” Call the SPCA or fill out a spay/neuter application today and get your cat fixed **before** it gives birth to a litter of kittens. McPhee reminds people that “fixing your pet, especially with the SPCA’s free cat fix price, is much less expensive than caring for a litter of kittens.”

Because of all the kittens, now more than ever, the SPCA is looking for some new kitten foster homes. Our current foster homes are already filled with kittens but more kittens are coming into the SPCA everyday, explained SPCA Director of Operations, Jennifer Hall. “In the last week over 120 animals came into the SPCA, including over 50 kittens. The SPCA needs foster homes for all of the kittens coming in each week. Every foster home is saving a life. We could not be a No Kill community without the help of community foster homes.” The SPCA provides the medical care, including all vaccinations, and assists new foster homes with whatever they may need. Hall says that “most of our foster parents have found it to be an absolute joy, sharing their homes with playful kittens or puppies. Watching kittens is even more entertaining than the best evening sitcom.”

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.

For more information about spay/neuter or fostering for the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA, please visit our website at www.caspca.org. To support the care of kittens at the SPCA, donations can be made online at <http://www.caspca.org/Donations.asp> or mailed to Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA, 3355 Berkmar Drive, Charlottesville VA 22901.