



Growing Families One Pet at a Time

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Celebrate Adopt-A-Cat Month[®] in June: Collier County Overloaded with Felines Waiting for New Homes

June is one of the busiest months in terms of the number of cats and kittens that arrive at local animals shelters. Collier County Domestic Animal Services (DAS), along with the American Humane Association, is spotlighting cats during the **month of June as part of national Adopt-A-Cat Month[®]**.

DAS Interim Director Amanda Townsend said, "We have plenty of kittens and adult cats, and we are **dedicated to finding them good, permanent homes**, so we are asking people to think about adopting a cat this month."

During the month of June, DAS staff will be educating visitors about the benefits of owning a cat. The shelter will also increase the number of cats showcased as pets of the week in local newspapers and on radio stations to further the efforts behind Adopt-A-Cat Month.

Before you decide to adopt a fluffy feline, DAS asks that you consider all members of the family and the time available for a pet. Adult cats are best for families with young children, because kittens are fragile and can easily be injured. Other issues to consider are the number of pets already in the home, whether a new pet will get along with existing household animals. Choose a cat to match your grooming expectations. Long haired cats often require weekly brushing and some grooming, whereas shorter-haired cats require very little grooming.

If adopting is not an option, Domestic Animal Services also invites you to volunteer and help place cats and other pets in forever homes. Community support in tandem with public education will help reduce the growing homeless pet population in Southwest Florida.

"If you already own a cat, we also remind you to visit our shelter and register your pet for a license so that should he or she become lost, we can contact you immediately and your four-legged friend can return home quickly and safely," said Townsend.

Celebrate National Adopt-A-Cat Month with Collier County Domestic Animal Services or a shelter near you!

Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. in Naples, FLA. Domestic Animal Services' regular business hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pet adoptions begin at 11 a.m. each day.

Call (239) 252-PETS (7387) or search for a lost or adoption pet online at www.collierpets.com.

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