

# SPRING IS HERE!

Spring marks the beginning of “kitten season”, a period of feline breeding that predominantly takes place during the warm months of March through October. At this time thousands of homeless kittens flood animal shelters across the country. Kittens can become pregnant as young as five months old, multiplying continually at an alarming rate. As you can imagine, shelters experience an overwhelming amount of feline intake during this time of both adult and infant cats, limiting resources, increasing the chance for illness and disease. Also, the likelihood that an adult cat will find a home immediately drops during this period as adults are typically overlooked when so many adorable kittens are available.

Stray kittens are exposed to fleas, ticks, respiratory infection and many other medical complications, along with requiring deworming treatments. These at-risk kittens of “kitten season” make up a larger part of the roughly 3.2 million cats entering shelters each year, of whom approximately 860,000 are euthanized. This is why spay/neuter and TNR is so important!

We are passionate about lowering the numbers of animal overpopulation in our community to avoid neglect, abuse, euthanasia and disease. Because of this mission, we have a TNR program implemented at our clinic and various mobile locations, along with our Feral Friday program. Our Feral Friday initiative was activated to not only prepare for kitten season, but to uphold our mission of reducing animal overpopulation and spreading awareness. Once a month we open the doors of our clinic on Fridays to perform spay and neuter surgery on approximately 45 feral cats! We also accept a limited amount of feral cats at our clinic Monday through Wednesday for surgery, as well as at our Fido Fixer mobile locations (contact us for mobile schedules).

We hope that you will join us in continuing our efforts to reduce euthanasia rates in South Carolina and the number of cats and kittens ending up in overcrowded shelters. Every dollar of your gift makes a difference in working to accommodate, protect and care for these young, fragile kittens.

## UPCOMING FERAL FRIDAY DATES

March 26th      May 28th  
April 16th      June 25th

**Interested in participating in our Feral Friday events? Give us a call or email us at [info@humanesc.org](mailto:info@humanesc.org) to find out how you can reserve spaces for community cats in your area.**

*Schedule an appointment today for spay/neuter, vaccines, microchipping, preventatives and more by scanning the QR code on your phone!*



Midlands Gives is right around the corner! On **May 4th, 2021**, the Humane Society will be raising funds for our organization through this initiative. Do your part in ending animal abuse, neglect, and overpopulation by contributing to our cause! Find out more by going to [www.midlandsgives.org](http://www.midlandsgives.org).



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