

The Simple Solution –

Adopt, Don't Shop!

Spaying and neutering are important steps toward ending companion animal overpopulation. They are simple surgical procedures that are done on the reproductive organs of female and male animals. The procedure eliminates the ability of the animal to reproduce and, in the long term, can prevent many difficulties, such as tumors or bacterial infections that can occur in older animals.

Animals should never be purchased from puppy mills, backyard breeders and pet shops. Adopt, never shop!

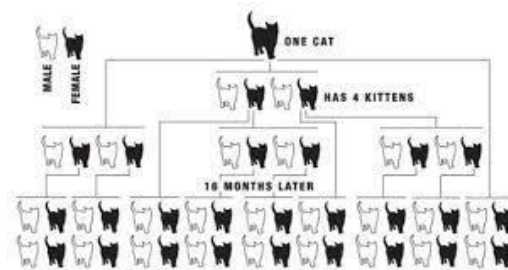
WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Adopt animals from local animal care facilities, rescue groups, and shelters instead of purchasing them from breeders or pet stores.
- Have your companions spayed / neutered.
- Educate your community, friends, and family about companion-animal overpopulation.

Did you know?

- Cats can reach sexual maturity & get pregnant at just 4 months of age (kittens can have kittens!).
- Female cats 'queens' will signal that they are ready to mate or 'in heat' by becoming more active and quite noisy!
- Females can be mated by more than one male within a short period of time & this includes relatives.
- Mating doesn't take long between cats.
- There are lots of health benefits to neutering, including a big reduction in the risk of getting FIV (the cat version of HIV/ AIDS).

In seven years, one female cat and her offspring can produce 370,000 kittens!



Remember to get your kitten spayed and neutered at 4 months!



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About Our Shelter

Forgotten Felines and Fidos, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all volunteer, no kill animal shelter located in Germansville, PA. We have been serving the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas since 1994. We specialize in adoptions, low-cost spay/neuter clinics, community outreach and TNR support.

Our Mission

The mission of Forgotten Felines and Fidos is to reduce the number of homeless, unwanted cats by offering a low-cost spay/neuter program and by working together with the community to help control the feline population. We provide a supportive environment for all the cats at our shelter until they can be matched with their forever home, or shelter them for the rest of their lives, if necessary. In addition, we provide medical care for the sick and injured in a nurturing environment. We are committed to educating feral colony caretakers and the public on the humane treatment of feral cats. We offer a trap neuter release (TNR) program to encourage spaying/neutering and return to their natural habitat.

About Pet Overload

Each year in the United States, 27 million cats and dogs are born. Around 4 million of these animals are euthanized because homes are unable to be found for them. It is a tragic end to these healthy young lives.

Overpopulation is a problem that results in thousands of animals being killed each month. There are many reasons for this; all of which are preventable. The answer to this huge problem is simple: reduce the number of animals coming into this world. Though the routine procedure of spaying/neutering does help reduce the number of animals coming into the world, it does not change that there still people actively contributing to the problem to begin with.

One group of people cannot personally take the blame for the overpopulation epidemic since there are many contributors to the problem. The responsibility is shared by irresponsible guardians, pet shops, puppy mills and professional and “backyard” breeders. Just one litter of puppies/kittens can be responsible for reproducing thousands more in just a few years.

Irresponsible Caretakers

While there are many breeders and pet shops, the greatest cause of the overpopulation tragedy is individual caretakers who reduce or are afraid to get their companion spayed/neutered. Sometimes parents want their children to experience “the miracle of birth”; other times people let their non-spayed/neutered animals wander, and their companion animals end up mating with other companion animals. There are also people who are genuinely uncomfortable having their companions neutered, “taking away their masculinity”, which often results in accidental mating. All these factors add up to many innocent lives that need to find homes.

