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HUMANE SOCIETY OF HURON VALLEY CELEBRATES
ADOPT-A-SHELTER-CAT MONTH

Ann Arbor, MI. The Humane Society of Huron Valley celebrates Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month to bring attention to the many wonderful cats and kittens available for adoption at our shelter.

HSHV is reducing all cat adoption fees for the month of June. Each cat adoption will cost \$65 for kittens 6 months old and younger (reduced from \$85) and \$35 for adult cats (reduced from \$50). The adoption fee includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, de-worming, a feline leukemia test, microchip ID, and check and treatment for ear mites and fleas.

“Spring and Summer are times of year when the Humane Society of Huron Valley is overflowing with cats of all ages, sizes and colors,” said Tanya Hilgendorf, Executive Director. “We want everyone to understand the reality that these cats need safe and loving homes. By adopting a feline friend, not only are you giving a shelter cat a second chance, but you will also have a lifelong companion who will bring many years of love and devotion to your family.”

Cat overpopulation is a massive problem in this country. The estimated population of homeless cats in the United States (70 million) is almost equal to the number of owned cats (75 million). Throughout the spring and summer, animal shelters throughout the country are inundated with dozens of litters of kittens. Tragically, many of these animals will have to be euthanized because there are not enough loving homes. The average life span of a healthy indoor cat is 16 years, (although cats can live 20 years or longer), while the average life span of an outdoor cat is a short 5 years.

However, adopting a cat is not an entirely selfless act. According to The Berlin Longevity Institute, cats can add as much as 10 years to their owners’ lives. Picking up a cat has a nearly instantaneous calming effect on humans, causing blood pressure to drop and the heart rate to slow.

The mission of the Humane Society of Huron Valley is to find loving homes for every adoptable pet and prevent cruelty to animals. We are open to the public from noon until 6:00 pm, seven days a week and are located at 3100 Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor. The full-service HSHV Veterinary Clinic is open 8:00 am until 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information, visit www.hshv.org.

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