

“2010 Spay and Neuter Saves Lives Campaign” Contest!

Thousands of kittens are born every hour in Canada. While these baby animals are adorable, the fate of most of them is tragic. Spaying or neutering is the most effective way to reduce the vast numbers of animals who are born only to die prematurely and without a family who loves them. The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) says, “*cats in Canada have been facing a serious overpopulation problem for the last few decades. Cats are more likely to come into a shelter than dogs, and often take longer to adopt out than their canine counterparts.*” And cats are often without licenses or microchips to aid in owner redemption. Animal welfare organizations strive to decrease these numbers, but they can’t do it without the help of the whole community. That’s where you come in.

Spay and Neuter Saves Lives! The single most important benefit to spay and neuter is dramatically cutting down on the numbers of kittens desperately looking for homes every spring, or worse, being dumped and left to fend for themselves.

The Star Phoenix and I are promoting the 16th Annual Spay Day International by holding the “**2010 Spay and Neuter Saves Lives Campaign” Contest**. We invite you to participate in this important community campaign by entering this contest through one, or more, of the following ways:

1. ENTRY: Spay or Neuter your pet or help someone to spay or neuter their pet.

- a. Your name, mailing and email address, and phone number.
- b. Cat’s name (include guardian’s name if you are helping someone else get their pet spayed/neutered).
- c. Clinic where spay or neuter was performed.
- d. Date of spay or neuter surgery (surgery must have been completed during the months of February or March 2010).

2. ENTRY: Adopt a cat from SCAT Street Cat Rescue who is, or soon will be, spayed or neutered.

- a. Your name, mailing and email address, and phone number.
- b. Cat’s name.
- c. A copy of the adoption receipt and/or the clinic’s name and appointment date for spay/neuter surgery. (Adoption or the spay/neuter surgery must have been completed during the months of February or March 2010.)

3. ENTRY: Make a donation to help spay or neuter a feral or rescued cat.

- a. Your name, mailing and email address, and phone number.
- b. A photocopy of a donation receipt minimum of \$100 to SCAT Street Cat Rescue to help spay/neuter a cat. (Date of donation must be during the month of February or March 2010).

4. ENTRY: Participate by promoting spay and neuter in our community.

- a. Your name, mailing and email address, and phone number.
- b. Participation Proof: Show us how you participated in the 2010 Spay/Neuter Saves Lives Campaign.
Suggestions:
 - i. Made up a flyer or poster encouraging spay/neuter of cats and list where you distributed or hung them up.
 - ii. Encourage someone get their cat spayed or neutered.
 - iii. Made it a class project to talk about and encourage classmates to spread the word: **Spay/Neuter Saves Lives!**

MAIL:

Entries must be received no later than April 15, 2010. Draw will be made on April 19, 2010. Send your entry to: “**The 2010 Spay and Neuter Saves Lives Campaign**” Contest, c/o The Star Phoenix, 204 – 5th Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K 2P1.

PRIZES:

1. Tickets for two to the **Beach Boys** concert on May 12, 2010 at TCU Place.
2. Gift Certificate \$50 for dinner at Chianti’s.
3. Gift Certificate \$25 for Comfort Cab.
4. Gift Basket full of goodies from Early’s Farm & Garden.

Let’s work to improve life for our community’s animals. Kindness to animals builds a better community for us all.

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