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FREE SPAY/NEUTER IN COLLIER COUNTY NOW THROUGH AUGUST

Trap-Neuter-Release Grant • June - Aug 2011 • Call (239) 514-7647 for information

(Naples, Fla.) – **Time is running out for FREE cat spay/neuter in Collier County. The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic is offering 400 free spay/neuter surgeries for cats available now through Wednesday, August 31, 2011.**

The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic (CSNC) has created a spay/neuter campaign called “Stop Littering”. The program is funded by a Florida Animal Friend, Inc. grant. Florida Animal Friend awarded CSNC a \$25,000 grant to spay and neuter free roaming, stray and feral cats to address cat overpopulation.

CSNC's “Stop Littering” Program will fix feral or free roaming cats, absolutely free, and includes ear mite treatment as well as deworming medication and a three-year rabies vaccine.

"Thousands of litters of kittens are born each year because of the many feral and free roaming cats that are not fixed and mating," said CSNC Executive Director Pallas Diaz. "The key is to spay and neuter them, and we want to ensure they leave our clinic with better odds than when they came in."

Florida Animal Friend, Inc. grants are funded by sales of the Official Florida Animal Friend Spay and Neuter License Plate. CSNC's goal is to use the \$25,000 grant to fix a total of 625 free roaming and/or feral cats in Southwest Florida. Once spayed and neutered, property owners will need to re-release the cats onto their property as part of this lawful Trap-Neuter-Release program.

The “Stop Littering” program is offering free spay/neuter service for the following zip codes: 34112, 34116, 34117, 34120 and all zip codes in Immokalee.

CSNC has traps available to the public for loan to assist those interested in helping the “Stop Littering” program to bring them in for the free spay/neuter service.

Diaz said getting a handle on the stray cat population may be "the" solution for Southwest Florida since local and national estimates report Collier County alone is home to more than 75,000 feral cats living and reproducing by overwhelming numbers.

"A fact unknown to many is that cats are hard wired to breed, and in Florida they can have three or four litters each year. Spaying and neutering these cats empowers public animal shelters to focus on adoption and creates space for owned cats that need homes right now," explained Diaz.

CSNC's mission is to provide targeted, high-quality, high-volume and affordable spay neuter services. For more information, visit www.collierspayneuter.org. Call the Collier Spay Neuter Clinic at (239) 514-7647 to schedule a spay/neuter today.

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