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Did you know puppies and kittens can go into heat as early as 4 months old?

PetSmart Charities' Did You Know? Campaign offers \$20 spay/neuter surgeries for puppies and kittens under 6 months old

Charlotte, NC (MAY 20, 2013) – Did you know that kittens can go into heat and get pregnant as early as 4 months old and puppies around 5 months old? If not sterilized, puppies and kittens can get pregnant and have a litter of their own just two months later. And it's these accidental litters that end up in animal shelters with no place to call home.

To reduce these accidental births, **the Humane Society of Charlotte and Spay Neuter Charlotte, with funding provided by [PetSmart Charities](#), are introducing the Did You Know? Campaign**, featuring a special \$20 spay or neuter surgery for puppies and kittens under six months of age during the month of June.

While some pet parents may worry that their pet is too young for this procedure, spaying and neutering is safe and easy for kittens and puppies as young as eight to 10 weeks old, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. In fact, the Humane Society of Charlotte has performed thousands of pediatric spay neuters since 1982.

"Many owners put off the procedure and wait until the puppy or kitten is six to eight months old," says Shelly Moore, President/CEO at the Humane Society of Charlotte, "But by then, it can be too late. By then, a litter of puppies or kittens can be born."

Pet parents who wish to take advantage of this offer must mention the "Did You Know?" promotion when they call to schedule their appointment.

Thanks to the PetSmart Charities grant, the Humane Society of Charlotte and Spay Neuter Charlotte will **provide 500 puppy and kitten sterilizations for \$20 during June**. Please visit the organizations at the links below:

Humane Society of Charlotte
704.333.4130

Spay/Neuter Charlotte
704-375-2009

About PetSmart Charities

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that saves the lives of homeless pets. More than 400,000 dogs and cats find homes each year through our adoption program in all PetSmart stores and our signature adoption events. PetSmart Charities grants more money to directly help pets in need than any other animal welfare group in North America, with a focus on funding spay/neuter programs that help communities solve pet overpopulation. PetSmart Charities is a 501(c)(3) organization, legally independent from PetSmart, Inc.

About the Humane Society of Charlotte:

The Humane Society of Charlotte is a community resource committed to improving the lives of companion animals through adoption, spay/neuter and education. The Humane Society of Charlotte provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs to reduce pet overpopulation throughout the Carolinas. The "space available" shelter provides pets with the love and attention they need to live happy and healthy lives while awaiting a new home. The Humane Society of Charlotte is a nonprofit organization that relies solely on private donations to achieve its mission.

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