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Humane Society of Charlotte says kittens and puppies can go into heat as early as 4 and 5 months old

**Sponsored by PetSmart Charities® “Precious, Not Parents” campaign offers \$20 spay/neuter
surgeries for puppies and kittens under 6 months old**

CHARLOTTE, NC (June 1, 2015) – They may be just babies, but kittens as young as 4 months and puppies as young as 5 months are old enough to get pregnant and have their first litter just two months later. “These precious babies shouldn’t be parents at 5 and 6 months old,” says Dr. Stephanie Lee, HSC Spay/Neuter Clinic Director.

That’s why the **Humane Society of Charlotte**, with funding provided by [PetSmart Charities](#), the largest funder of animal welfare efforts in North America, is introducing the “**Precious, Not Parents**” campaign. Through the “Precious, Not Parents,” campaign, HSC’s Spay/Neuter Clinic **will provide \$20 spay and neuter surgeries for puppies and kittens under six months of age during the month of June.**

Some pet parents may worry that their pet is too young for this procedure, but 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’s Spay/Neuter Clinic has performed more than 10,287 pediatric spay/neuter surgeries in 2014.

“Many owners put off the procedure and wait until the puppy or kitten is six to eight months old,” says Dr. Lee, “But by then, a litter of puppies or kittens can be born.”

This special \$20 rate is even less than the organization’s normal low-cost priced and is available to all residents of Mecklenburg County. *Pet parents who wish to take advantage of this offer must mention the “**Precious, Not Parents**” campaign when they call to schedule their appointment.* The campaign is based on availability.

The Humane Society of Charlotte will provide 200 “**Precious, Not Parents**,” sterilizations for \$20 in June. **Please visit [humanecharlotte.org](#) or call 704.333.4130** for more information or to schedule an appointment.

[PetSmart Charities’ “Precious, Not Parents”](#) campaign provides more than \$705,541 to spay/neuter clinics to fund affordable, high-quality spay and neuter surgeries for more than 13,935 puppies and kittens across the nation during the month of June.

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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 sponsored 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 services that help communities solve pet overpopulation. PetSmart Charities is a 501(c)(3) organization, separate from PetSmart, Inc.

About the Humane Society of Charlotte:

The mission of the Humane Society of Charlotte is to be a community resource committed to improving the lives of companion animals through adoption, spay/neuter and education. Our vision is to place all animals in safe and loving homes. The Humane Society of Charlotte provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs to reduce pet overpopulation throughout the Carolinas. The Humane Society of Charlotte is a non-profit organization that relies solely on private donations to achieve its mission.

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