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KELSEY BECKETT

Sheltering strays

Rescue center and shelter works toward increasing adoption, foster homes for cats during busy kitten season

By KELSEY BECKETT

People may see kittens as living companions, but our Harrisonburg shelter also sees them as a consti-

tuency problem. Cat's Cradle, a cat rescue and shel-

ter, is currently home to 83 cats. It is currently about 35 fewer cats living there than last year. Cat's Cradle

for its heavy cat breeding season between April and October, according to Mark Chan, adoption coordi-

ator at Cat's Cradle.

To help more cats get adopted, Cat's Cradle is having an adoption special this month. It includes spay

and neutering, all shots and deworming.

Usually, the adoption fee is $88, but this month, it's only $25 and kittens are $55.

Chan explained that Cat’s Cradle isn’t trying to make a profit through the adoption fees. He estimates a loss of $100 on each cat they take care of.

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vers and increase the speed of that program," Chan said.

People can adopt a cat from Cat’s Cradle for free, but the organization only has the funds to cover the cost of spaying or neutering. So, if someone wants to adopt a cat and also spay or neuter it, they may have to cover the cost of that procedure themselves.

"We're doing so. JMU students can help out

fostered for Cat's Cradle for about a

year and a half. She said she's fostered

people are doing

Chan said.

"Fostering for a special needs cat can be a lot of work. You

have to clean the litter box, take care of the cat, and once a week you have to bring the cat to the shelter for a check-up."

"You can't really leave the cat at home without it. Cats are not animals that can be left on their own. They need to be taken care of every day."

Laura Gravett volunteer at Cat's Cradle

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shelters nationwide every year, and

in the past few years, Cat's Cradle has coordinated 11,000 adoptions, Chan said.

In Harrisonburg, Cat's Cradle takes part in a program called Trap, Spay, Neuter and Unwanted euthanized.

TNR is when Cat’s Cradle traps cats in each order to have them spayed or neutered before releasing them again.

"One of our chief goals is to vastly reduce on the importance of spay and neuter so that we can eliminate unwanted litters and unwanted euthanizations," Chan said.

"In general, Virginia has a very high

The shelter also works to prevent euthanization of cats. Pet Bus start-

ed Cat's Cradle in 2006 to provide a no-kill alternative for stray cats. Cat's Cradle primarily works with cats because there aren't many feline functions that specifically shelter them. But Chan said larger clinics are more efficient in dealing with that because there are more shelters and resources to encourage adoption. To help ease the line in Harrisonburg, Cat's Cradle takes part in a program called Trap, Spay, Neuter and Unwanted euthanizations at shelters.

Right now, Chan said, the organization is operating at full capacity.

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