

The CatChannel Newswire

Top stories: Cat crisis in Orange County animal shelters; a new fee to surrender pets in Naples.

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Cat Crisis in Orange County Animal Shelters

It started with a trickle. Home foreclosures and evictions forced heartbroken pet owners to relinquish their animals to the Irvine Animal Care Center, and the cats began to multiply. Now it's a flood, with more than 260 cats available for adoption and nearly 100 dogs, about double the usual number, the Orange County (Calif.) Register reports.

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Collier Domestic Animal Services to Charge Fee to Surrender Pets

Starting Oct. 1, surrendering a pet to Collier County Domestic Animal Services will come with a fee attached. Domestic Animal Services will refuse to accept pets when owners are unable to pay the surrender fee, the Naples (Fla.) Daily News reports.

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Learning Emergency First Aid for Your Pets

After attending a pet first-aid class, I now feel equipped to provide the immediate care required for common illness or injuries that might befall my pet. The three-hour class, taught by the American Safety Academy, is not intended as a replacement for professional medical treatment but teaches how to provide basic emergency care and perhaps save a pet's life until professional care is available, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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