

Cat Adopters Wanted

Tampa Bay SPCA branch says it has been inundated with felines in recent weeks and calls for prospective adopters to come forward.

The Tampa Bay, Fla., branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says its inundated with homeless cats and urges potential adopters to visit the shelter. The nonprofit animal shelter is calling for cat lovers to provide loving homes.

In the past several weeks an unusually large number of cats were surrendered to the shelter, said the Tampa Bay SPCAs public relations director, Marissa Weeks.

More than 125 cats of all ages, breeds and personalities are available and waiting for homes, Weeks said.

Cats and kittens are available for \$35. The fee includes vaccinations, spaying or neutering, microchip for identification and a crash course in frisky feline behavior.

Visitors can see the adoptable pets at the SPCA in the city of Largo. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays; and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

On the weekend of April 22-23rd, the SPCA also will hold a Cruelty Awareness and Adopt-a-thon Weekend, from noon to 5 p.m. each day. In addition to cats, more than 40 dogs, both young and mature, and 20 rabbits will also be available at the event.

For more information, call the Tampa Bay SPCA at (727) 586-3591 or visit www.SPCATampaBay.org. Posted: April 20, 2006, 5:00 a.m. EST