

Traveling Cat Clinic Begins Making the Rounds

Feline-neutering trailer, now in Mississippi, is scheduled to travel the South over the next six weeks.

The Big Fix Rig, an assembly line pet sterilization facility built by the Humane Alliance, an Asheville, NC-based advocate of pet population control, is in DeSoto County, Mississippi, this week as part of a national feline neutering expedition.

The 53-foot-long trailer, which features colorful cartoon cats dancing against a white background on its sides and the motto Fixin to Save Lives, plans to spay or neuter about 240 cats this week.

The rig, with four surgical tables and three prep tables, is capable of doing more than 120 cat sterilizations a day, and it can hold up to 160 cats. Its scheduled to travel throughout the South over the next six weeks before ending its tour in Louisiana in July.

The rig was in the works for about two years, but the Humane Alliance says it decided to send it to Mississippi and Louisiana to assist homeless and feral pet populations in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Bob Guy a local veterinarian who supervises the rig on Mississippi stops, said 60 cats are scheduled for daily surgery the remainder of the week. Local veterinarians will join him for the rest of the week.

The clinic is booked through Friday, but pet owners can obtain vouchers for low-cost spaying and neutering at participating local veterinary clinics.

The rig also is distributing vouchers for dog spaying and neutering. Posted: May 18, 2006, 5:00 a.m. EST