

## Documentary on Homeless Cats to Air

**Two stations in Californias Bay Area will broadcast 30-minute film.**

A Humane Society Silicon Valley documentary on homeless cats in northern Californias Santa Clara County will air on two Bay Area television stations this month. The film, *Cats Without a Home*, will be shown on KTEH Public Television Monday, July 17 at 10:30 p.m. NBC11 will air the film Saturday, July 29 at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, Aug. 5 at 11 a.m. The 30-minute documentary, shot over an eight-month period, tells the plight of homeless cats in Santa Clara County by following six individuals who are committed to reducing the unnecessary euthanasia of homeless cats. A trailer of the film can be accessed at [www.catswithoutahome.com](http://www.catswithoutahome.com). Humane Society Silicon Valley President Christine Benninger said an estimated 125,000 homeless cats roam Silicon Valley streets and that cats comprise roughly two-thirds of the animals brought to local shelters and are euthanized at a far greater rate than dogs. This is because, she said, a majority of them are feral, too young or too sick to be adopted. In Santa Clara County alone, Benninger says approximately 14,000 of these cats are euthanized each year at a cost of \$2.4 million. Benninger hopes the film will inspire people to become involved with saving more cats through the non-lethal trap, neuter and return technique. Benninger says TNR saves money, noting that it costs cities approximately \$250 to pick up, house and euthanize one homeless cat. For the same price, five cats can be spayed or neutered. Posted: July 17, 2006, 5:00 a.m. EST