

Shelter Issues Plea for Cat Adoptions

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The largest animal shelter in Indiana has issued a plea to Indianapolis-area residents for help after a recent influx of cats.

On Jan. 22, Indianapolis Animal Care & Control issued a plea for cat adoptions because one pet owner recently gave more than 60 cats to the shelter, which exceeded the city-run facility's capacity.

Many of the surrendered cats have upper respiratory illnesses and shelter officials want to control the spread of the illness by finding homes for the cats, according to the shelter. Many of the sick cats require antibiotic treatment.

"Often, we find the stress of the shelter environment makes animals get sick more easily and more severely. The conditions of these cats are easily treatable with some medicine and some tender loving care," said Leslie Fatum administrator.

Treatment of the illness is inexpensive and easy to administer, Fatum said.

Adoption fees are \$60, including spay or neuter surgery and all vaccines except rabies. For other information, including the shelter's hours of operation, call (317) 327-1397 or visit its website.