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Animal Shelter Has Unusual Cat Promotions through June

(Grand Rapids, MI) – They are unconventional ‘buy one, get one’ deals, but those considering cat adoption could save some money from now until the end of June.

For the remainder of May, Vicky's Pet Connection will cover the cost to spay or neuter a second cat from the Kent County Animal Shelter, when adopted by one household. This will save adopters of two shelter cats anywhere from \$55-70 on the total adoption cost. Adoption fees of \$50 per cat will still apply.

June is National Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month and to celebrate, the Kent County Animal Shelter will waive the \$50 adoption fee on a second cat from the shelter, when adopted by one household. Spay and neuter fees, which are \$55 for male cats and \$70 for female cats, will still apply.

“This is the time of year when we see an influx of cats of all ages and sizes,” said Cathy Raevsky, Administrative Health Officer for the Kent County Health Department. “We encourage would-be pet owners to take home two companions this month. Adopting cats in pairs offers companionship for owners and social and behavioral benefits to the pets.”

Evidence suggests that owning a cat may help reduce stress, lower blood pressure, and improve mood. Recently, researchers at the University of Minnesota released the results of a study indicating that cat owners were less likely to experience heart problems than their feline-less counterparts.

The Kent County Animal Shelter is located at 711 Ball Ave., NE in Grand Rapids. Those with questions about adopting a cat may call the Animal Shelter at (616) 336-3209.

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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to the whole of Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates four satellite clinics located in Wyoming, Kentwood, Rockford, and the Westside of Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD and our services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.