



## Cat Crisis in Georgia has Shelters Seeking Public Support

**June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Atlanta, GA)** – Atlanta Humane Society is asking for public support in an effort to rescue hundreds of cats in need here at home.

A recent uptick in cat hoarding rescues has local shelters overwhelmed. Shelter workers comment that this kitten season seems more problematic than years past. Atlanta Humane Society is at capacity, currently caring for approximately 256 cats between both shelter locations. That also includes the dozens of nursing mothers currently in foster care.

Atlanta Humane Society has been contacted by another local shelter that recently rescued over 40 cats from a hoarding situation. A local rescue group recently announced they'll soon be closing their doors and need to adopt over 30 animals. Lastly, one additional Humane Society has asked for help caring for their 120 cats, with euthanasia as a last resort.

Tara High, Vice President of Operations at AHS, is relying on cat lovers and potential adopters to help.

“As the state’s largest animal welfare agency, we are often the first point of contact for smaller rescues and shelters in need,” High states. “Our transport partners are calling on us to assist and it’s devastating that we can’t help. We know Atlantans are huge animal lovers and if you’re able, we encourage you to adopt a cat or kitten so that we have the space to help the other rescues in need.”

As added incentive to potential adopters, Atlanta Humane Society will be offering free feline adoptions Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>- Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. You can visit both shelter locations:

**981 Howell Mill Road NW | Atlanta, GA 30318**  
**1565 Mansell Road | Alpharetta, GA 30009**

Cat overpopulation is a problem nationwide, mostly due to a feline’s ability to reproduce at any time. Dogs are typically only able to reproduce twice a year. The Atlanta Humane Society is working to combat pet overpopulation through its low-cost spay/neuter program that offers \$35 spay/neuter surgeries to Atlantans, also visiting nearby rural counties several times a year.

For more information, contact:  
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### **About the Atlanta Humane Society**

The Atlanta Humane Society is the oldest private charitable organization in Atlanta, founded in 1873. AHS places approximately 8,000 animals into forever homes each year. We are committed to finding homes for all adoptable pets. It is our mission to prevent neglect, abuse, cruelty and exploitation of animals and to assure that their interests and well-being are fully, effectively and humanely protected by an aware and caring society. We are proud to be a part of the solution to ending pet homelessness and overpopulation in the Southeast United States. For more, visit [www.atlantahumane.org](http://www.atlantahumane.org).