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FREE CATS

Spayed/neutered, Microchipped, Vaccinated and Ready for a New Home!

GRAND RAPIDS – Beginning immediately the Kent County Animal Shelter (KCAS) is offering **FREE CATS**, (over four months old) for adoption. This offer is good until September 25th. To qualify, potential adopters simply need to come to the Kent County Animal Shelter, provide photo identification with a current address, and fill out an adoption form.

All of the cats currently available for adoption have already been spayed or neutered. Shelter staff test all adoptable cats for Feline Leukemia and FIV. Every cat also comes up to date on all vaccinations, has been microchipped and has received a flea treatment. (Shelter personnel will verify that landlords of those adopters who rent accept pets.) “These are good and loving pets,” says Dr. Christopher Buckley DVM, staff veterinarian at KCAS. “For whatever reason, we just have too many of them right now, and we want them to find good homes.”

The Kent County Health Department reminds people that the health benefits of pet ownership are well known. According to a University of Minnesota study, cat owners were 30 - 40% less likely to die of cardiovascular disease than non-cat owners. The study also found benefits from lower stress, lower blood pressure and increased life span.

The Kent County Animal Shelter is located at 740 Fuller N.E. in Grand Rapids. The shelter is open Monday through Friday 9:30-1 and 2-6:30. Interested media can call for b-roll and interview appointments. The pictures of adoptable cats attached were taken at the shelter the morning of September 16. Those cats were available at that time. Feel free to use the photos with courtesy to the Kent County Animal Shelter.

The offer for free cats expires when the shelter closes on Friday September 25th. Kittens under four months are available for adoption, but at the shelter’s regular rate of \$40. More about our adoption program can be found [here](#).

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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 265 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and three satellite clinics located in Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.