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**New and Improved Kitty Corner Now Open at the Humane Society of Charlotte**

*Expanded Facility Provides Increased Comfort, Visibility for Animals Awaiting Adoption*

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The Humane Society of Charlotte opened the doors to its newly renovated Kitty Corner this week, showcasing the many enhancements that have made the facility more inviting to the public and comfortable for the cats and kittens inside as they await adoption into new homes.

“We have given our Kitty Corner a dramatic and remarkable upgrade,” said David Miller, executive director of the leading no-kill of adoptable animals facility that works to find homes for pets throughout the Carolinas.

“We are continually looking for ways to make sure our animals receive the greatest care possible, and the renovations help ensure these loving cats – and all of our pets – receive the very best care we can offer,” he said.



Edith stretches her legs on a new platform in front of one of the windows at the Kitty Corner.

As part of the renovations to the Kitty Corner, several windows were added to brighten the facility with natural light, walls were moved and the previous stainless steel cat cages were replaced with interchangeable “kitty condos” that allow the animals to interact; the improvements also increased shelter capacity from 26 cats and kittens to 42.

In addition, a new floor and heating, ventilation and air conditioning system was installed, as well as a bathing facility for larger pets and an isolation unit that now separates animals in need of special care.

The renovations were funded in part by donations that are essential to the success of the Humane Society of Charlotte's animal care programs. For more information on making a donation, visit [www.humanesocietyofcharlotte.org](http://www.humanesocietyofcharlotte.org) and click on the "Donate" tab.

To see all of the cats and kittens available for adoption, as well as to tour the new Kitty Corner facility, visit the Humane Society of Charlotte at 2700 Toomey Ave., located off of Remount Road at Exit 8 of Interstate 77. In addition, all available pets can be viewed online at the Web site and appointments can be arranged to visit pets in temporary foster homes. For more information and hours of operation, call (704) 377-0534.

With the holiday season also approaching, Miller also asked pet owners to take special precautions to ensure that animals are safe and offered the following tips to help keep pets out of harm:

- Dogs and cats are safer indoors and should not be left outside for prolonged periods of time when the temperature drops;
- Keep chocolate and other potentially dangerous treats, which could include choking hazards like small bones, away from animals and stick to regular diets;
- Many plants, including poinsettias, are potentially poisonous to cats and should be kept out of reach;
- Electrical cords from holiday decorations can be an enticing and dangerous chew toy for animals – be sure these and other hazards are kept out of the way.

### **About The Humane Society of Charlotte**

The Humane Society of Charlotte helped reduce pet overpopulation by performing more than 7,500 spay and neuter surgeries in 2007 and continues to be one of the region's leading placement agencies – last year the organization had the highest adoption rates in its history by placing nearly 1,400 pets in their new forever homes.

According to the Humane Society of Charlotte, an unspayed female cat and her offspring can produce 60,000 kittens per year; an unspayed female dog and her offspring can produce nearly 12,000 puppies each year.

The Humane Society of Charlotte provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs to reduce pet overpopulation throughout the Carolinas. Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2008, the no-kill of adoptable animals organization provides pets with the love and attention they need to live happy and healthy lives while awaiting a new home. The Humane Society of Charlotte relies entirely on the support of generous donors, a dedicated staff and team of committed volunteers to provide the level of service that animal lovers and pets in the Carolinas have come to know and trust. The Humane Society of Charlotte believes that, with the continued support of the community, the goal of one day eliminating euthanasia in Mecklenburg County can be achieved.

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