



LESSON 2

I CAN help stop pet
overpopulation in our county

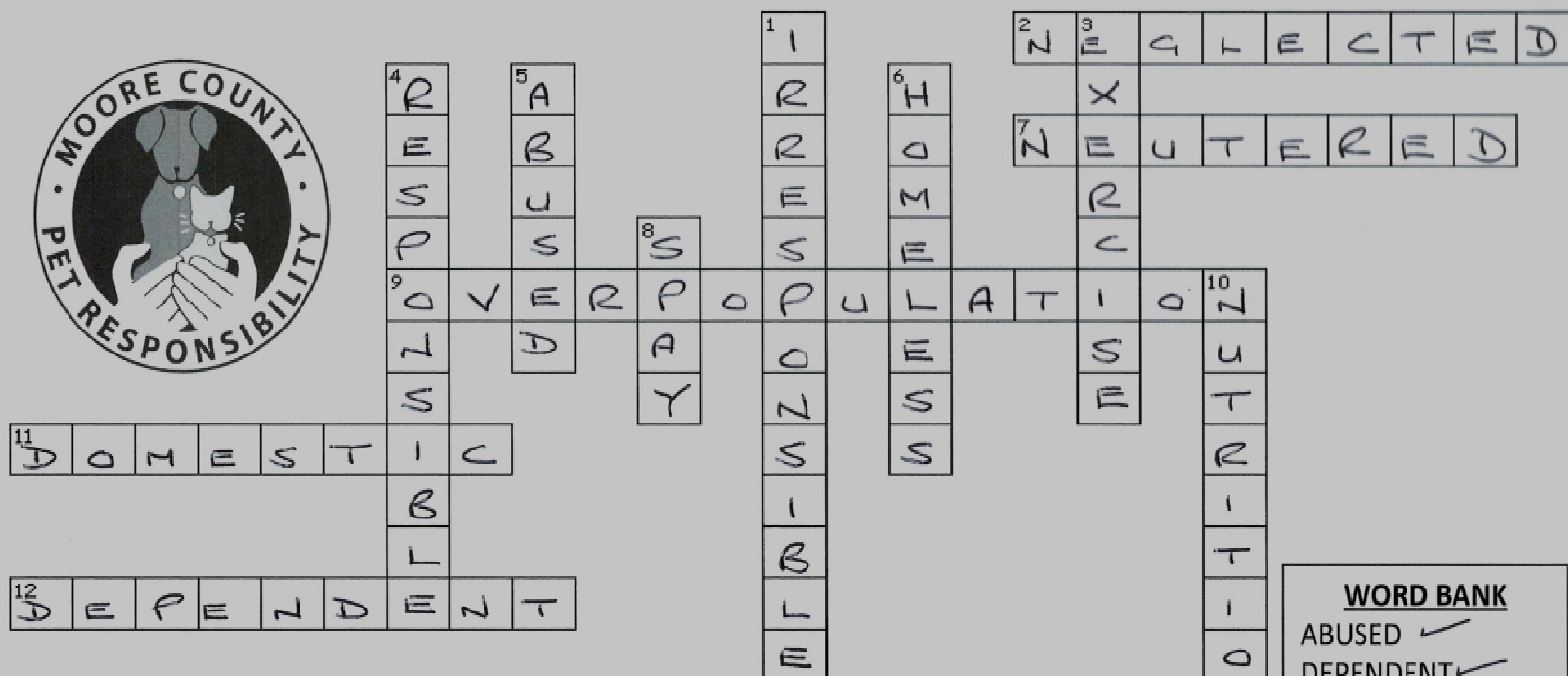
Review



- Previous I CAN statement
 - I CAN be a responsible pet owner
 - What did you learn that was new to you? For example, did you know where a microchip can be found on a dog or cat?
- Ticket Out the Door
 - Did you remember to include specific adjectives like "nutritious" and "fresh"?
- Crossword Puzzle
 - Check your answers - on the next slide
 - Congratulations if you got it all right!
 - What is the difference between a pet and a wild animal?

NAME _____

PET RESPONSIBILITY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

2. When a person forgets to care for a pet every day, the pet is _____.
7. A _____ animal has surgery that prevents babies, and helps it behave better and live longer.
9. The sad problem of _____ means there are too many animals.
11. My _____ pet is tame and lives in the house.
12. The _____ pet counts on you for survival.

Down

1. A person that knows what should be done BUT does not do it is _____.
3. To stay in shape my pet must play, go for walks on a leash and _____.
4. A _____ person takes great care of a pet.
5. The animal that is hurt and treated badly is _____.
6. A _____ pet has no place to live and no one to love.
8. A _____ surgery prevents female animals from having babies.
10. A _____ diet of pet food keeps pets healthy.

WORD BANK

- ABUSED ✓
- DEPENDENT ✓
- DOMESTIC ✓
- EXERCISE ✓
- HOMELESS ✓
- IRRESPONSIBLE ✓
- NEGLECTED ✓
- NEUTERED ✓
- NUTRITIOUS ✓
- OVERPOPULATION ✓
- RESPONSIBLE ✓
- SPAY ✓

Activity 1: Spay and Neuter



- What do the words spay, neuter and fixed mean?
 - There is an operation performed only by a veterinarian that prevents dogs and cats having puppies and kittens.
 - The word "spay" refers to the operation for female pets. The term "neuter," while usually used for male pets, can be used to describe the operation for either female or male pets. Sometimes people just say "fixed" for both males and females.



WHY SPAY AND NEUTER?

**REDUCE
SPRAYING & MARKING**

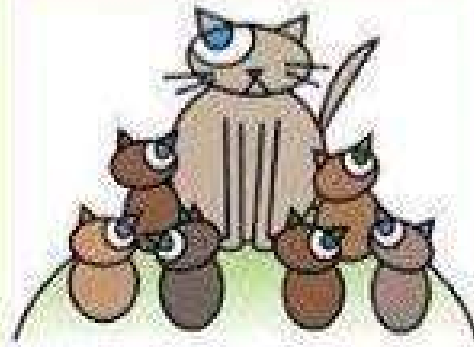


**REDUCE
ROAMING**

**REDUCE
AGGRESSION**



**LOWER
RISK OF CANCERS**



**DECREASE
OVERPOPULATION**

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**INCREASE
LIFESPAN UP TO 3-5 YEARS**



Remember these reasons so that you can tell others why they should make an appointment to get their pet fixed!

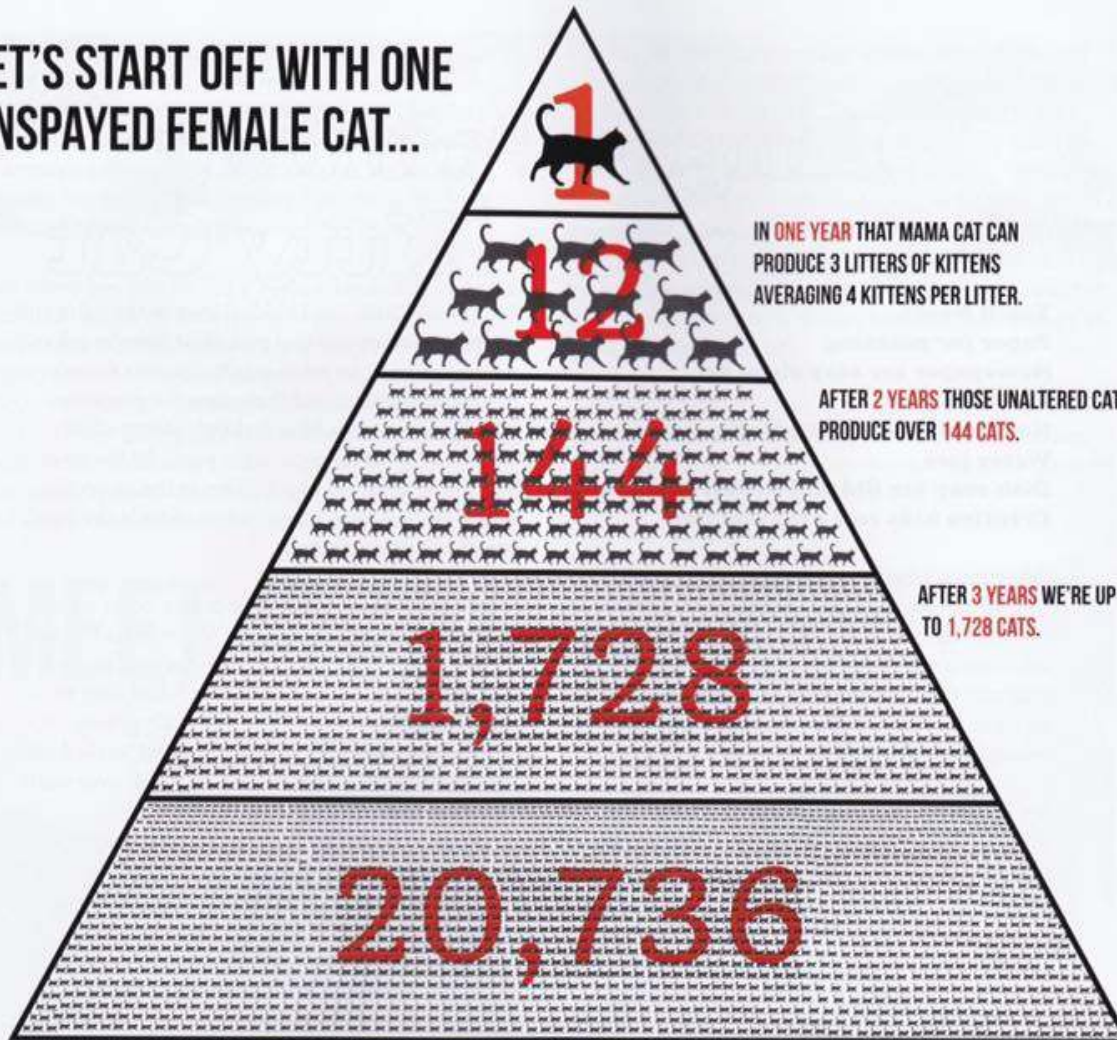
Activity 2

OverPUPulation and MultipliCAtion



On the next two slides, look how quickly the population gets out of control!

LET'S START OFF WITH ONE
UNSPAYED FEMALE CAT...



IN ONE YEAR THAT MAMA CAT CAN
PRODUCE 3 LITTERS OF KITTENS
AVERAGING 4 KITTENS PER LITTER.

AFTER 2 YEARS THOSE UNALTERED CATS
PRODUCE OVER 144 CATS.

AFTER 3 YEARS WE'RE UP
TO 728 CATS.

AFTER 4 YEARS, ONE UNSPAID FEMALE CAT AND HER OFFSPRING WILL PRODUCE OVER 20,000 CATS.




If a family has two cats
that they have not fixed
and they let them roam
outdoors, how many
kittens would need
homes in just one year?

Wow! It's a lot of work
to find good homes for
that many kittens, isn't
it?!

DO YOU KNOW 20,000 PEOPLE
WHO WANT A CAT?

One female dog can have up to ___ litters per year. Each litter averages 4 to 10



Overpopulation contributes to stray animals and the problem of dog bites and attacks.

In 2018, The Animal Center of Moore County....
took in 2,582 animals,
saved 1,445 animals
and euthanized 1,069 animals



In Moore County, we spent in excess of \$915,000 on Animal Services in 2018!

Pet overpopulation is a SAD problem!

There are too many pets and not enough homes to go around. By having pets spayed or neutered, we can reduce the number of unwanted puppies and kittens. Help spread the word about this SAD problem – *tell your friends and family.*

It is not necessary for females to have a litter before they are spayed.

One female cat can have ___ litters in one year. Each litter averages 4 kittens.

**YOU CAN
HELP
Solve the Pet
Overpopulation
Problem!**



Neutering makes pets less likely to roam the neighborhood, run away, get into fights or bite.

Don't worry about your dog becoming less protective after being neutered. Aggression problems can be avoided by neutering, but neutered pets still protect home and family.

Call the Spay and Neuter Clinic of the Sandhills (910) 692-3499 (FIXX)

5071 Hwy 1, Vass, North Carolina 28394

www.spayneutervet.org

(A Not-for-Profit Spay Neuter Clinic for individuals that cannot afford a private veterinarian)

or your veterinarian to make an appointment.

How would you start a conversation with someone to encourage them to spay or neuter their pet?

Fill in the numbers of litters that a dog and cat can have in one year.

Use this information to help you with your conversation!

Activity 3 A Tale of Two Pets

Snowball and Barney were lucky to end up at the shelter where they were safe and at least had a chance of finding a new forever home.

Even so, Barney was afraid and nervous in the shelter.

The staff at the shelter found out Snowball was pregnant!

Two Tales



Snowball & Pups
safe with her
Foster Mom,
Mrs. Foster



Barney arrives
at the Animal Center
where he'll meet
many other cats

Animal Center



Where do we go from here...

Snowball and the Flakes!

Snowball went to a foster home where she gave birth to TWELVE puppies!

Cute as they were, there were now 13 dogs to find homes for!

Snowball felt safe and cared-for in her foster home where she waited for her new home.



Activity 4

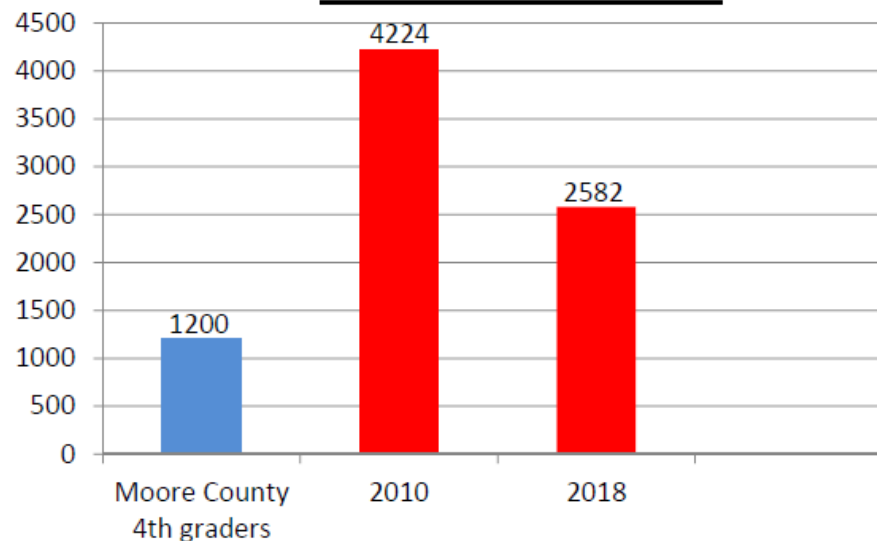
Now look at the second red bar.
Is it a lot shorter?
YES! That's because by 2018 there were less pets ending up at the shelter.

The fourth graders had been spreading the word and people were getting their pets fixed!

The more pets are fixed, the less pets in the shelter!

The blue bar represents ALL the fourth graders in Moore County. That's a lot of kids! Look at how much taller the first red bar is - that represents the huge number of pets who ended up at The Animal Center in 2010 - the county shelter - like Snowball and Barney.

Number of pets taken into
The Animal Center of Moore County
in 2010 and 2018

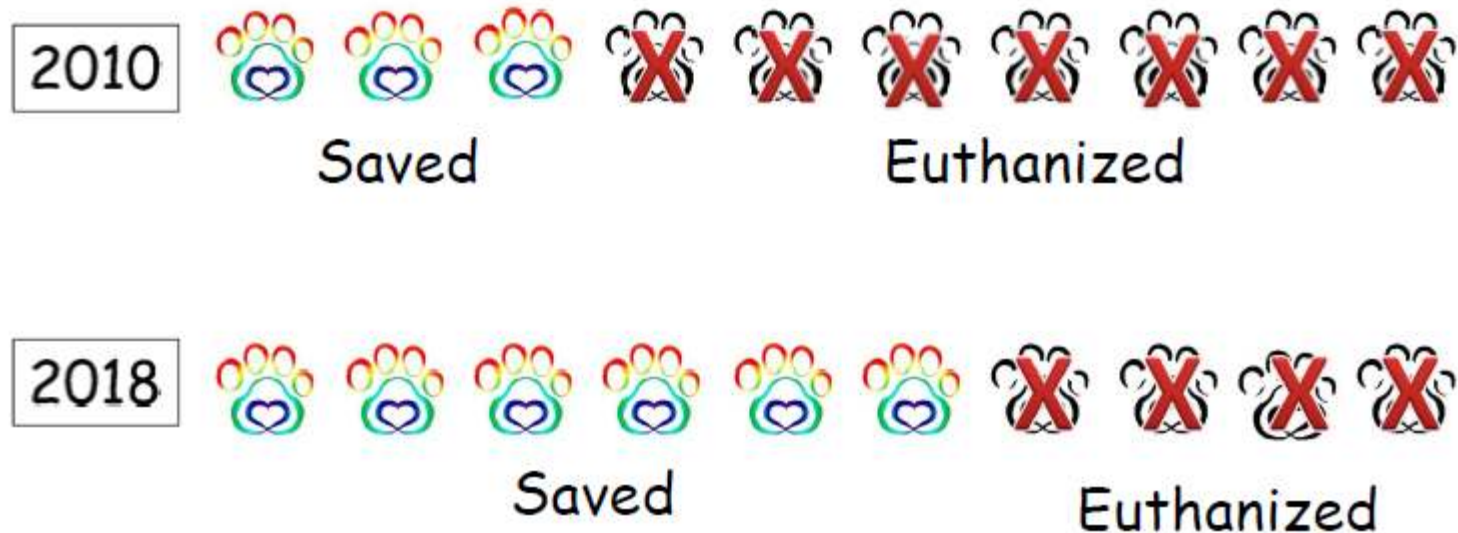


The fourth graders have made the difference!

Activity 4

With less pets to find homes for, more pets are saved!

The Story of Ten Pets taken into The Animal Center of Moore County in 2010 and 2018



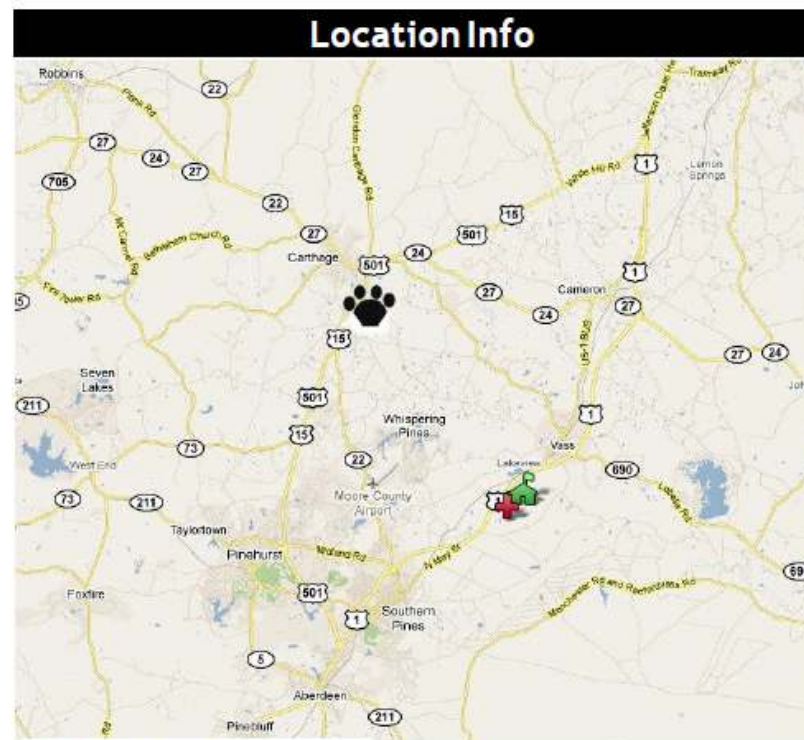
"Saved" means adopted by a family, placed with a group or returned to their owner after being lost.

Activity 5

Animal Center/Spay Neuter Clinic/Emergency Vet Trifold Brochure

Here you have lots of information about places in Moore County that help our animals.

This is a valuable resource for you and your family. Keep it in a safe place where you can find it easily when you need it.



-  **EMERGENCY Clinic**
5071 U.S. Hwy. 1 North - Vass, NC 28394
910.246.0405 (Next to Spay & Neuter Clinic)
-  **Spay/Neuter Veterinary Clinic**
5071 U.S. Hwy. 1 North - Vass, NC 28394
910.692.3499 (Next to Emergency Clinic)
-  **The Animal Center**
5235 U.S. Hwy. 15/501 North - Carthage, NC
910.947.2668

Thanks for your support!

Pet Resources

Emergency Vet Services



Spay & Neuter Clinic



Moore County Sheriff's
Office Animal Services
(The Animal Center)



The Animal Center

The Animal Center of Moore County provides shelter for the county's stray and unwanted companion animals. Its mission is to promote pet placement programs and education regarding pet responsibility. The Center strives to adopt the most animals possible to loving homes.



For hours and available pets,
please visit our website:

www.animalcentermoorecounty.com
5235 NC Hwy. 15/501 • Carthage, NC 28327
910-947-2858

Adoption Fee Includes:



CANINE

1st Year Rabies Vaccine
1st DAZ
1st Deworming
Heartworm Test
Bordetella
AVID microchip
Spay / Neuter



FELINE

1st Year Rabies Vaccine
1st RCPC
1st Deworming
Feline Leukemia Test
AVID microchip
Spay / Neuter



Rabies Vaccinations & Microchips also
available for your current pet at low prices!

Emergency Services

Small Animal Emergency Services
5091 U.S. Highway 1 - Vass, NC

Weekdays: 6:00 pm – 8:00 am
Weekends: Fri. 6:00 pm - Mon. 8:00 am
Holidays: 24 hours

910.246.0405
www.dogcat-er.com

The emergency veterinary hospital serves Moore County, NC. It services the immediate area including Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Vass and Pinhurst as well as surrounding counties of Montgomery, Hoke and Lee.

ASPCA Poison Control Hotline
888.426.4435

www.asPCA.org/Home/Pet-care/poison-control

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center provides 24-hour a day, year-round advice on animal poison-related emergencies. The APCC experts are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The call is toll-free. A \$65 consultation fee may be applied to your credit card.

Lost & Found

The Pilot newspaper works to reunite lost pets and their owners. Submit a free lost or found report — and upload a pet photo — online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Go to <http://www.thepilot.com>. Click on 'Pets' in the upper menu bar for the lost or found options.

Your report is sent via email to everyone on the distribution list with one click! The Pilot will even include a free ad in the classifieds.

Also check The Animal Center website.

Spay & Neuter



910.692.FIXX
910.692.3499

The Companion Animal Clinic Foundation (CACF) works to reduce unwanted and un-owned animals in Central North Carolina. It supports affordable spay / neuter efforts to reduce the intake of unwanted animals at animal control facilities, thus reducing the number of animals euthanized because there are no homes for them.

The Spay & Neuter Veterinary Clinic of the Sandhills provides spay/neuter/rabies at a reduced price for animal welfare groups and individuals who do not have and cannot afford a private veterinarian.

Spay & Neuter Vet Clinic

5071 U.S. Highway 1 - Vass, NC

910-692-3499 (FIXX)

Monday – Thursday

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

www.spayneutervet.org

1 cat and their offspring in 7 years may
produce 420,000 kittens

2 cats and their offspring in 10 years may
produce 80,399,780 kittens

1 dog and their offspring in 6 years may
produce 67,000 puppies

There are 70,000 kittens and puppies born
in the U.S. every day

Source: HSUS

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**MOORE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



ANIMAL SERVICES



ADOPTION HOURS

**MON - FRI
SATURDAY
SUNDAY**

**10:00-4:00
10:00-2:00
CLOSED**

Activity 6

There is also a lot of important information on the back of the PRC folder.

Important information for all Moore County animal advocates:

When an animal (pet) is in trouble (lost, neglected, abused, hurt), call the Moore County Sheriff's Office (910-947-2931).



Website: moorecountync.gov/sheriff
Facebook: Moore County Sheriff's Office



Looking to adopt a pet? Visit The Animal Center of Moore County, our county shelter, in Carthage (910-947-2858).

Website: moorecountync.gov/sheriff
under Animal Services

The Spay & Neuter Veterinary Clinic of the Sandhills in Vass provides spay and neuter services at a reduced rate.

Spay & Neuter



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910.692.3499
spayneutervet.org

Small Animal Emergency Services



5091 US HWY 1 N.
VASS, NC 28394
PHONE: 910-246-0405 FAX: 910-246-0408

In an emergency, this clinic can help your pet when your regular vet's office is closed.

Website: dogcat-er.com


Activity 7



- What should you do if you lose or find a pet?
 - What can you do to make sure the YOUR pet will get home if he or she is lost?
 - What should you do if YOU FIND a lost pet?

LOST CAT	
	
CAT NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Could be trapped. Please check your garages, sheds & under deck. Call if any sightings!	
PHONE	ADDRESS
REWARD	



LOST DOG

Boston Terrier
<small>Lost Boston Terrier last seen at the corner of Main Street and Town Avenue. BT is 5 years old and weighs 17 pounds. BT was wearing a red collar with tags. There is a reward for his safe return. Please contact us immediately with any information you may have.</small>
Please contact with any information (561) 789-9478

Speuter Story - enter to win a free spay or neuter for your pet or the pet of someone you know.



Consent Rules: The Consent and Story Forms need to be completed and returned to the school no later than Lesson 5 of the Pet Responsibility Education Program. There will be one winner per School. The surgery will be performed at the Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic of the Sandhills thanks to the generosity of the Moore County Kannel Club.

Pet Responsibility Word List

CAstrophe

Euthanasia

Female

Foster

Male

MultiplicATIOn

Neuter

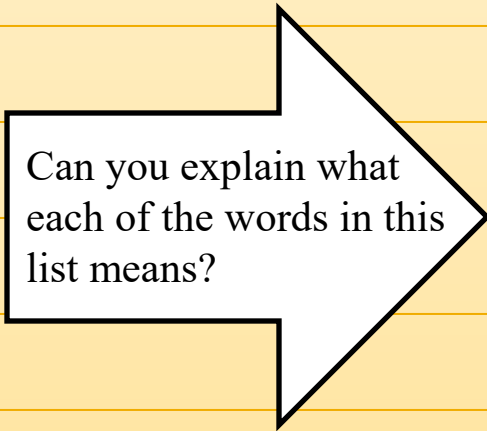
OverPUPulation

Population

Spay

Suffer

Veterinarian



Can you explain what
each of the words in this
list means?

Homework

- Share what you are learning with friends and family.
- Find out if your pets are spayed or neutered.
- Take a current photo of your pets.
- Begin writing your Speuter Story..... hand in by Lesson Five.