

**Spay Day USA Observed Annually in February:
Sterilization Programs Offered Year-Round in Lee County!**

Myth: Cats have nine lives.

Fact: Cats are lucky if they have just one life. In Lee County over 3,000 cats were euthanized in 2009 due to pet overpopulation. Spaying and neutering can prevent the unnecessary and tragic deaths of thousands of cats every year in Lee County.

Fort Myers, Florida, 2/2/10—During February Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) will join the national organizers of Spay Day USA in promoting the importance of spaying and neutering to save the lives of millions of pets each year. Locally, Lee County residents are fortunate to have programs available year-round that will help reduce pet overpopulation. LCDAS would like to draw particular attention to Lee County's cat overpopulation problem and "bust the myths" associated with spaying and neutering.

Information is available online at www.LeeLostPets.com about LCDAS's free spay/neuter services for owned and outdoor community cats. For those who do not qualify for this program, other low-cost options for Lee County residents are available. To schedule an appointment or for additional information about spay/neuter programs for both cats and dogs, call 533-9234. Making a call today can save the lives of animals tomorrow.

Tax-deductible donations are gladly accepted to offset the costs of spay/neuter programs so more animals may benefit from these life-saving programs. It is estimated that Lee County has 98,000 feral and community cats. Your \$25 donation will help spay or neuter one more. Please donate online at www.LeeLostPets.com or mail your tax-deductible donations to: Animal Care Trust Fund, 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33912.