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BEDFORDSHIRE NORTH BRANCH

‘ Cat Chaos Crippling Rescue Centres ’

Owners needed now for hundreds of cats and kittens

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Cats are crippling the rescue centres with RSPCA animal shelters being inundated with cats and kittens in desperate need of homes.

Many of the charity’s rehoming centres are completely full of felines who have been recklessly dumped by their owners or rescued by RSPCA inspectors. Although this time of year is the peak birthing season for cats, lots of centres are looking after more cats and kittens than they ever have before.

Since the beginning of 2009, an average of 21 cats have been taken in every single day at our 16 regional centres* with other independent New owners are desperately needed to provide permanent, loving homes for them

Christine Kerridge said: “So many people are letting their cats get pregnant without giving any thought to how they will find good homes for the kittens. We are left to pick up the pieces. We really need new owners to come forward to give a second chance to the many delightful cats who are without a permanent home through no fault of their own.”

The RSPCA is urging people considering getting a cat or a kitten to avoid answering ads in newspapers or visiting pet shops, but to take home a rescue animal which desperately needs a new home.

The RSPCA recommends that cats should be neutered to prevent unwanted pregnancies from occurring.

If you do rehome a young cat or kitten from the RSPCA, the usual adoption fee includes the neutering operation, microchipping, a full veterinary check, worming and flea treatment and any vaccinations they may require.

The rehoming process aims to make sure the



Kitten looking for a home...

cat and owner are suitably matched, which includes a home check and follow-up visits in some cases.

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