



## NO MORE LITTERS FAQ'S

### **What types of animals are eligible for the No More Litters Program?**

Female owned pets (cats and dogs) up to 7 years old. Pets over 7 will be considered but may be declined due to health concerns. Feral/stray animals are NOT eligible for this program.

### **Can't I just give the litter away?**

It's always possible for owners to give away the kittens or puppies to new homes, but 50% of "free puppies or kittens" never get spayed or neutered and many go on to have offspring of their own, contributing to the pet overpopulation problem. More than 300,000 animals are euthanized in Georgia shelters each year. Spay/neuter is the most important thing we can do to prevent animals from dying in a shelter.

### **How old does the litter have to be to enroll in the program?**

Mom and babies can be enrolled in the program right after birth. Because early vaccinations are important, kittens and puppies must be 10 weeks of age or younger to enter the program.

### **How long will I need to keep the litter?**

The babies typically stay with the mother until 7 to 8 weeks of age. At that point, they'll enter the HSNEGA adoption program and get ready to start their new life!

### **Can I keep one of the kittens or puppies, or give one to a friend?**

The program requires that ALL of the litter be spayed/neutered prior to finding new homes. When they're old enough, HSNEGA will schedule spay/neuter surgery for all the litter at the same time.

HSNEGA covers all the costs for the No More Litters program including multiple rounds of vaccines, deworming, spay/neuter surgery, and spay for the mama at NO expense to the owner. We help make up for these costs, in part, through the adoption fees we receive for the kittens and puppies. As such, we ask that at least 75% of the litter be placed with us for adoption.

### **Can you just vaccinate some of the litter?**

To keep the whole litter healthy, it's important that ALL the kittens or puppies receive vaccinations. The risk of them becoming sick when so young is greater, and any illness can be easily passed on to the others.

### **How do I know they find good homes?**

HSNEGA requires potential adopters to complete an application and pay an adoption fee. We evaluate each applicant to make sure the new pet will be a good fit in their household, and require a "meet & greet" with other dogs in the family. Many of our adopters send us photos after the adoption. We love happy endings!

Ready to enroll your dog and puppies in the program? Call our Adoption Center at 770-532-6617 or email [AnimalCare@HSNEGA.org](mailto:AnimalCare@HSNEGA.org).