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After 6 months, HSSA ‘releases’ recuperated cats and kittens

A large group of kitties at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona is finally ringworm-free, and we’re celebrating with a Kitty Release Party! **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-23, all feline friends at all locations will have a \$10 adoption fee, with 2-for-1 on select bonded pairs.**



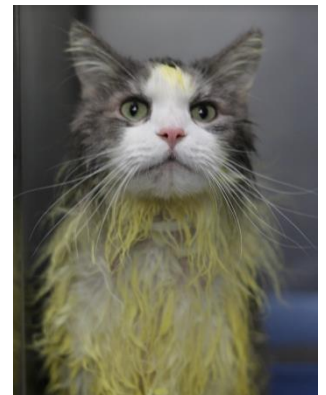
This feline celebration is in honor of the 40 cats and kittens that have taken 6 months to be cleared of the fungal infection commonly known as ringworm. The age of kittens affected by ringworm varied from 8-weeks-old to adult.

All feline friends were treated over a 6-month period until each was well enough to find a forever home. The fungus is highly contagious among pets, causing hair loss, red, dry and irritated skin. While highly contagious, ringworm is treatable through antifungal medication and lime-sulfur dips. The HSSA and its staff are to be commended for their efforts in acting quickly and containing the outbreak all while working to manage the felines stress level and provide enrichment.

“It’s just ringworm – we can deal with it,” said Clinic Director Pat Brayer. “And deal with it, we did! These kittens and cats are happy, healthy, affectionate and well adjusted, because even though they weren’t very fond of their treatment baths, they knew the love, care and commitment that we had for each and every one of them, every single day.”

A ringworm outbreak in a shelter can be devastating. As a result, many shelters across the nation elect to euthanize any cats with ringworm. As a no-kill organization with a 94 percent live-release rate, the Humane Society takes every life into consideration. Not one of the 40 cats diagnosed with ringworm were lost. Each and every single cat was nursed back to health.

So please stop by the HSSA’s Kitty Release Party to give one of these fighter kittens a forever home.



Weekly sulfur baths helped treat the ringworm.