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National Group Wants Everyone to Know - Fix Felines Before Five Months!

Anywhere, USA (January 26, 2023) – Most people don't know the best time to spay/neuter their pet. And many more don't know that kittens can go into heat when they are just four months old. That means the best time to spay/neuter is **before** five months of age. For these reasons, and many more, February is Feline Fix by Five Awareness Month.

Throughout the month of February, United Spay Alliance and Marian's Dream are encouraging folks to talk to their friends, their family, and their veterinarians about the best time to spay and neuter their kittens. By sharing information and engaging in conversation, they aim to increase awareness of the importance of early-age spay/neuter – which can lead to a reduction in the number of litters being born, and help cats live longer, healthier lives.

The month will culminate with a Facebook Live event with United Spay Alliance on February 28 in honor of World Spay Day – a Sterilization Celebration! Beginning at 8 p.m. ET, the event will celebrate and uplift the work being done by so many great organizations and groups working to spay and neuter animals in their communities. All are welcome! Join at facebook.com/UnitedSpayAlliance.

Feline Fix by Five is a program of Marian's Dream and United Spay Alliance. Feline Fix by Five is working to raise awareness among veterinarians and pet parents alike on the benefits of early-age sterilization, and advocate for kittens to be spayed or neutered before they are five months old. Feline Fix by Five began, after the Veterinary Task Force on Feline Sterilization put forth the [Recommendations for Age of Spay and Neuter Surgery](#) in January 2016. This consensus document has been endorsed by the AVMA, as well as several statewide veterinary associations, including Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, and Ohio.

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Feline Fix by Five has been endorsed by several non-veterinary organizations, including the EveryCAT Health Foundation, The International Cat Association, and The Cat Fanciers' Association. Organizations can [submit their endorsements online](#).

For more information about the campaign, including helpful resources and the actions people and veterinarians can take to support the cause, visit unitedspayalliance.org/february-fff-landing-page. Follow the campaign in real time by following @FelineFixByFive on Facebook and Instagram.

Since 1981, Marian's Dream has led initiatives to improve the health and well-being of companion animals. With a focus on small, grassroots organizations, Marian's Dream works to create and support programs to end pet overpopulation by preventing unwanted litters. Learn more at mariansdream.org.

United Spay Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote affordable, accessible, and timely spay/neuter services as the key to addressing the problems of overpopulation. To learn more, visit unitedspayalliance.org or follow @UnitedSpayAlliance on Facebook and Instagram.

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