



THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.®

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TO: The Veterinary Task Force on Feline Sterilization

FROM: The Cat Fanciers' Association Board of Directors

The CFA Board of Directors has voted in favor of endorsing the recommendations stated in the Veterinary Task Force on Feline Sterilization consensus document regarding spaying and neutering cats/kittens prior to 5 months of age. CFA has a long history of favoring spay/neuter of owned pet cats who are not part of a planned breeding program to preserve pedigreed breeds.

We believe it is important for veterinarians to be consistent in their message of when to sterilize cats.

The efforts of the Task Force on Feline Sterilization to achieve this consistency will help educate the pet owning public and reduce the risk of relinquishment to shelters of unwanted kittens from accidental litters.

We thank the task force for their initiative to encourage practitioners and professional associations to take the lead in clearly promoting sterilization by 5 months for cats rather than at 6 months or later.

Sincerely,
Rachel Anger
CFA Secretary