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**Cat Numbers Reach CRITICAL Level at the Cleveland APL**  
**Cat & Kitten adoptions fees dropped to \$5 on Saturday!**

**Cleveland, OH (July 21, 2011)** – On Sunday, an APL volunteer who was walking dogs heard the cries of little kittens near the front door of the building. Upon further investigation, she realized that the kittens were inside the garbage can. She retrieved them and in the process found their mother, who had managed to escape with one kitten, but refused to leave the garbage can where her other kittens remained.

Today, a staff member found a small box duct-taped closed next to the dumpster and noticed the heads of cats trying to get out. Ten cats were pulled from this box. It was over 90 degrees outside. The cats were panting and covered in each other's drool. They were found just in time.

These 17 cats and kittens are only a fraction of the 156 that came to the APL in the last 5 days alone. The number of cats that need us has exceeded our cage space but we will NOT euthanize animals to make space. That means we need to do a huge number of adoptions NOW and we're asking our community for help. In order to keep taking in cats like the cats in these stories, we need to find homes for the cats that are already in our care, so **for the first time ever, we're reducing the adoption fee on ALL cats, even kittens, to \$5 on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Please help us save lives – adopt a cat. They're not trash.



Mom cat and kittens found in garbage can



Box found with 10 cats inside on the hottest day of the year

*All animals are spayed-neutered, tested for heartworm or FELV/FIV, have received age appropriate vaccinations and treatments of worms and fleas, and come with a collar and APL ID tag, helpful species-specific animal care information, and free initial veterinary exam. Cats/Kittens come with a travel box, and dogs/puppy adoptions include a leash.*

All adoptable animals can be seen at [www.ClevelandAPL.org](http://www.ClevelandAPL.org).

**Please call the APL at 216-771-4616 with any questions about adopting.**

**Cleveland APL – Adopt \* Protect \* Love**

*Located in the Tremont area,, the Cleveland Animal Protective League is the largest nonprofit humane society in Ohio and relies solely on donations to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty and to provide shelter or care for more than 16,000 homeless animals a year though a variety of progressive programs.. The Cleveland APL has been serving the animals and people of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County since 1913.*

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