



## WHAT IS THE KITTEN KRUSADER PROGRAM?

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## WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED THROUGH THE PROGRAM?

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If you are unsuccessful in finding an adoptive home for the kitten(s) in your care, or have any other questions, please email [petsafetynet@jaxhumane.org](mailto:petsafetynet@jaxhumane.org). Please reference "Kitten Krusaders" in the subject line of the email.



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# SURGERY STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Patient selection: All pets receive a brief but thorough physical exam prior to anesthesia.

- Feline – 2 lbs in weight
- Canine – 8 weeks and 2 lbs

We do not place IV catheters or preform blood work for pediatric spay/neuter.

The following is a link to the drug charts that we use. This combination will keep a cat under anesthesia for approximately 20 mins. If you need more than 30 mins of anesthesia time we recommend intubating and using a gas anesthesia to compliment.

**<https://www.aspcapro.org/resource/spayneuter-clinic-drug-charts-logs>**

See PDF for surgical procedure recommendations.

Tattooing is very important for identification of spay/neuter status. This is especially true in pediatric patients as the scars will be very difficult to see once the patient is fully grown.

**Tattoo: <https://www.aspcapro.org/resource/spayneuter-tattoo-application>**



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## ARE YOU A KITTEN KRUSADER?

Kitten Krusaders is a collaborative program that works with veterinarians throughout the community to help reduce the number of kittens entering the shelter system.

Members of this program partner with the Jacksonville Humane Society to provide life-saving care in one or several of the following areas:

- Vaccinations
- Deworming
- URI Treatment
- Spay/Neuter Surgeries
- Specified Funding

If you or someone you know is interested in donating time and services to this cause, please contact Nikki Harris with the Jacksonville Humane Society at [904-493-4609](tel:904-493-4609).

Together, we can be the change.



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(Date)

(Name of Veterinarian)

(Name of Practice)

(Address )

(Address)

(Address)

Dear (Specific Vet Office/Dr.),



Thank you so much for signing up to be a part of our Kitten Krusader program! Your commitment and dedication is helping to reduce the number of kittens entering the shelter system.

By signing up for this program, you have agreed to provide services to the public in one or several of the areas listed below. Please initial and place a check mark next to the services you are willing to provide. If you are allocating a particular amount of funds to the program, please indicate the number below.

- Vaccinations
- Deworming
- URI Treatment
- Spay/Neuter Surgeries
- Specified Funding

- Amount Allocated for Treatment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Our shelter has created referral cards that will be provided to members of the community who need help with kittens. Each situation will be treated on an individual basis. Individuals will receive a referral card with a specific number, their name and the number of kittens they have in their care. Referral to a particular veterinarian will be based on several factors including office proximity and the type of treatment required. Again, thank you so much for donating your time and services to this cause.



If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Harris with the Jacksonville Humane Society at 904-493-4609 or nharris@jaxhumane.org.

I understand that I must return a completed copy of this form to the Jacksonville Humane Society. I understand that the information regarding the services I have offered will be presented to the public. If I want to have my referral information tracked, I must inform the Jacksonville Humane Society of this request. If I am no longer able to participate in the Kitten Krusader program, I must notify JHS immediately to be pulled from the referral list.

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Signature



\_\_\_\_\_  
Date