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The Burleson Animal Shelter is celebrating June as Adopt a Shelter Cat Month by offering a two-for-one special on kitten and cat adoptions.

You can take home two kittens for $55 or two adult cats for $65. The $55 covers the adoption ($20), vaccinations ($20) and microchip ($15). The $65 for two cats covers the adoption ($20), vaccinations, ($20), microchip ($15) and rabies vaccination voucher ($10). This two-for-one offer is good throughout the month of June.

What you get from the Burleson Animal Shelter, besides a new pet, is a bag containing cat food, toys, a training DVD, flyers and magazines, and your cat or kitten’s microchip identification tag.

June is typically considered kitten season, when shelters across the nation reach capacity. In April, 70 cats were taken in to the shelter. In May, 89 cats called the Burleson Animal Shelter their temporary home. In 2011, 736 cats and kittens were brought in to the shelter.

To make a cat or kitten adoption successful, consider the needs of everyone in the family. Adult cats tend to be calmer and require less supervision than kittens and they usually have already established their personality. Kittens are good for those who want a pet that they can raise and that can grow up with their children. Kittens are also good if you already have pets because they will grow up with them and learn from them.

Cats and kittens require feeding, litter changing, grooming, a good scratching post, safe and stimulating toys, and a bed lined with a soft warm blanket or towel. Make sure your cat wears a safety collar with an identification tag. Cats like their alone time, so give the new addition a low traffic area to relax in as he/she takes a few weeks to adjust to a new home.

When you adopt a cat, or a dog, from the Burleson Animal Shelter, you must sign a legal contract agreeing to have the adopted pet spayed or neutered, as required by state law. This surgery can be done by the veterinarian of your choice, and the expense is the new owner’s responsibility. Written verification of this surgical procedure must be returned to the animal shelter in order to avoid legal action.

To see what cats and kittens are available for adoption, go to www.burlesontx.com/petadoptions and click on “Animals Available for Adoption.” For more information about adopting any pet from the animal shelter, call 817-426-9283 or email animalshelter@burlesontx.com.