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National Desexing Month runs throughout the month of August 2010

“WEAPONS of MASS PRODUCTION”

Valiant Veterinarians across the nation have united to disarm thousands of breeding bombs set to explode throughout local communities over summer as the warmer weather marks the beginning of the breeding season and shelters and pounds brace themselves for the annual influx of thousands of accidental and unwanted litters of kittens and puppies .

August is National Desexing Month and National Desexing Network program manager Tracey Skeet hopes the month-long campaign will encourage pet owners to desex their cats and dogs before they breed. Vets, councils and animal welfare groups nationwide have been invited to join in the awareness month by offering incentives such as discount desexing prices, two-for-one deals, prizes, microchipping specials and so on. The National Desexing Network also has \$4000 worth of Dirty Dog Eyewear (for people) and World for Pets vouchers and merchandise to be won by lucky pet owners having their pets desexed through participating vets.

Ms Skeet said NDM was a vital campaign as already in Australia too many cats and dogs were homeless.

A contributing factor to unwanted litters is people were often unaware that cats can breed by 5 months old and can fall pregnant again within days of having a litter.

“It is not so hard to find homes for cute puppies and kittens, an innocent baby is hard to turn away, but take a look around your local shelters and pounds - the eyes looking back at you are often not much older.”

“Shelters, pounds and rescue groups around the country are already struggling to cope with the huge number of abandoned and unwanted companion animals.

“The massive influx of accidental and unwanted litters over the breeding season adds to this pressure.

“As a result, it’s often older cats and dogs who end up paying with their lives because there are simply not enough resources to cope.”

Ms Skeet also said it was just as important to desex male animals as they can impregnate hundreds of females each year; producing thousands more puppies or kittens for whom there are no homes.

For more information including participating vets and competition details visit www.ndn.org.au and help save the homeless cats and dogs of your community.

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