





*HUMANE EUTHANASIA - A VCAS Veterinarian authorizes medical euthanasia decisions. Euthanasia for behavior is authorized by a Shelter Review Committee comprised of shelter managers and animal care coordinators. All euthanasia decisions are made on a case-by-case basis with input from a variety of sources. The medical euthanasia of cats is higher during warmer months when increased breeding occurs. Newborn kittens who arrive in poor health, typically have poor prognoses and do not survive even with immediate medical attention. In these cases, humane euthanasia may be appropriate. VCAS is proud, however, to report that over 85% of all underage or underweight kittens do survive in our care.

**These are impounded community cats who are spayed or neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, ear-tipped and returned to where they were found. Learn more about this program at www.vcas.us/tnr. These are animals who we were successfully able to help stay with their families by providing help and offering resources to the owner. This program is also knows as our Pet Retention Program. Learn more about this program at www.vcas.us/PetAssistance.

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