

# kind NEWS™

## Parents Guide

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Teaching kindness to animals and respect for natural habitats while helping to instill good reading habits in children

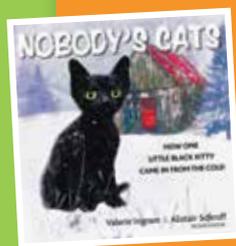
### KIND TIME

**CATS ROAM OUTSIDE** in most neighborhoods in the United States. Some are pets whose owners let them outside, but many are community cats who may be feral or one-time pets who are now stray, lost or abandoned. The more we understand the complicated issues related to them, the more effectively we can help outdoor cats, reduce cat overpopulation and protect wildlife. In this issue, readers will meet two girls who recognized a community cat problem and put a plan into action to solve it.

**WORLD SPAY DAY**, an annual campaign of The HSUS, Humane Society International and the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, spotlights the power of affordable, accessible spay/neuter to save the lives of companion animals, community (feral and stray) cats and street dogs. The 23rd annual World Spay Day is February 28, 2017. Spread the message!

**NOW'S A GREAT TIME** to plant some seeds of kindness with your kids. Visit a nursery to learn which native plants will attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Then let the kids get down and dirty planting the seeds in pots and placing them in a sunny window. Once the seeds have sprouted and the threat of frost has passed, they can plant them outdoors and watch wildlife enjoy the fruits of their labor!

### BOOK NOOK



*Nobody's Cats:  
How one little  
black kitty came  
in from the cold*  
by Valerie  
Ingram and  
Alistair Schroff  
of the Lakes

Animal Friendship Society is based on the true story of the successful trap-neuter-return program put into motion by Vivienne Thompson and Catrina Vanderwolf. Information at the back of the book includes a glossary of community cat terms, as well as more detailed information about the successful project and how the girls inspired volunteers and organizations to help the cats.



...And more at [humanesociety.org/kindnews](http://humanesociety.org/kindnews)

- ▶ Learn more about trap-neuter-return programs and how you can get involved in World Spay Day activities
- ▶ Download an activity page for your children

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