

## Channel 4's Sex Education Show Presenter speaks out about charities cat crisis

***'You can give condoms to kids, but not to kitties'* says Anna Richardson**

London – Channel 4 presenter Anna Richardson is backing The Mayhew Animal Home's drive for neutering awareness as the rescue charity has been forced to stop taking cats in as the Home is simply full to capacity with unwanted litters of kittens.

Summer heralds the arrival of kitten season and the rescue home is inundated with tiny felines, with over 50 dumped in the last three weeks. A problem, which they say could be easily prevented by pet owners neutering their cats.

The Sex Education Show presenter, Anna Richardson, recently adopted two kittens from The Mayhew, who had arrived after they were found abandoned at the bottom of someone's garden.

*Anna said: "It is such a sad situation that The Mayhew struggles to take in and house all these tiny kittens who are literally arriving in droves at the door of the rescue centre. All these unwanted kittens wouldn't be fighting for survival if all cat owners took their pets to be neutered, after all you can give condoms to kids but not to kitties."*

*The Mayhew's CEO, Caroline Yates, said: "The situation is quite simply desperate, yet so easily remedied. We are struggling to find homes for all the abandoned litters that are left at our doors or that we are called out to rescue. These are the lucky ones as they have been found in time to receive care from our charity, but there are so many who don't manage to survive the dangers of the outside world. Every day people are arriving at our door with boxes of kittens, or dumping them round the corner from the Home. In addition to that we face constant calls from members of the public who no longer wish to keep their cat and our waiting list is growing ever longer. The answer is simple: neuter your cat, so that they don't add to this appalling overpopulation."*

The Mayhew, in North West London, currently has 44 kittens and 43 cats currently awaiting adoption and has a waiting list of hundreds of cats that people simply no longer want and wish the Home to take care of.

The Mayhew also offers low-cost neutering at the onsite Community Veterinary Clinic.

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**For the Editor**

**The Mayhew Animal Home** was established in 1886 for the benefit of “the lost and starving dogs and cats of London so that they should have sanctuary from the cold inhumanity they are being dealt outside”. Today, The Mayhew is one of the busiest animal sanctuaries in London, rescuing thousands of animals from cruelty and neglect each year. We provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home strives to tackle the companion animal welfare crisis from every possible angle. The organisation is pro-active, innovative and continually works to assist animals and their carers. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.