

# Public Event

## Surviving Kitten Season



The talk “Helping Homeless Cats in Our Community” drew a good crowd from Bath Beach, Bensonhurst, Dyker Heights, and Bay Ridge on March 29th, and many attendees requested another meeting. So on Thursday, May 5th, presenters from the March panel will return to the New Utrecht Library and continue the discussion about surviving “kitten season” – spring and summer months when thousands of kittens are born into homelessness.

Meredith Weiss of the New York City Feral Cat Initiative will return, as will Ferals in Peril founders Denise and Peter Szalaiko, and they will be joined by John Lidowski of John’s Cat Houses. Topics will include the basics of TNR, feeding and caring for cats when you live on a budget, resources and benefits available to people who take a TNR certification workshop, and socializing unfriendly kittens so they may be adopted. John Lidowski will give a brief demonstration of building a durable shelter using affordable, everyday items.

It is still only April, and it doesn’t feel like spring, but kitten season has officially begun. Many people at the meeting and many of our neighbors report finding kittens or pregnant cats in their yards already. Some people have had generations of homeless cats on their property for years without knowing what to do. For some, coming to this meeting will be the first step towards stopping that cycle. For others it will be a way of finding support and exchanging ideas toward goals that will help us all and benefit our cat friends.



# Brooklyn Public Library

Thursday  
May 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00-7:30 PM

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