



Love a Stray - Neuter & Spay

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN IS THE ONLY HUMANE SOLUTION FOR FERAL AND STRAY CATS

Financials

Donations from Individuals *	\$16,235.00
Donation from Heart of Mo Humane Society	\$ 8,000.00
Donation from the Friends of the JCAS	\$ 8,000.00
Memorials and Bequests **	<u>\$ 5,726.00</u>
Total Donations:	\$37,961.00

Veterinary Expenses	
Spay Surgeries	\$10,068.80
Neuter Surgeries	\$ 7,490.38
Rabies Vaccinations	\$ 1,546.10
Other Medical & Vaccinations	\$ 5,787.88
Cat Food	\$ 4,352.55
Foster Supplies	\$ 706.10
Shelter Supplies	\$ 2,492.67
Trapping Equipment & Supplies	\$ 392.38
PayPal Fees	<u>\$ 21.91</u>
Total Expenses:	\$32,858.77

*This amount includes a very generous gift of \$10,000 from Nancy Rau.

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Founded on
January 20, 2010
to help reduce the
number of unadoptable
cats from entering the
JC Animal Shelter

In 2024 we coordinated
407 cats being
spayed or neutered
225 Spays
182 Neuters

That brings our 14-year
total to 6,427 cats
being altered, and living
longer healthier lives

We donated more than
2,800 lbs. of cat food to
colony caretakers

WILD THING FERAL FELINE FIX

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Someone cared enough...

That's what the corner of that cat's ear being tipped (cut off) means. Someone cared enough. Enough to take time out of their day for that wild cat. To load up trapping supplies, go to the trapping location, set traps, monitor traps, and wait hours in most cases to fill traps. Then to bring them home in the traps and get them set up somewhere overnight and care for them. To drive them to the vet the next day, often in another town. To pay for them to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated. If they are really nice, they pay extra for flea meds and dewormer, knowing it will only last a month, but that might be the only month of reprieve they have in their whole life from the burden of parasites.

They care enough to drive back and pick them up from the vet, and house them overnight for recovery. In that time, they feed them and make sure they are healing from surgery. Then they drive them back to the trapping location and release them back to their outdoor home. From there, back home to clean the traps and supplies to be ready for next time. This takes hours! Hours for a feral street cat that so many people hate.

So that feral cat you see out there with an ear tip, someone cared enough to take the time to give them a better life. To stop the breeding cycle. To try to tackle the overpopulation and suffering. To help curb the testosterone driven territorial fights and spraying. To help that female not get pyometra from having litter after litter. To try to keep the numbers down so less people threaten their lives.

That indoor cat with the ear tip...someone cared a little extra. They saw that cat had potential to thrive in a life off the streets and they gave them that chance. They worked with them to overcome their fears so they wouldn't live that harsh street life.

That ear tip is how we identify a cat that has already been spayed or neutered. It is a quick way to look at a feral cat and know if they have been fixed or not. Some people don't like how the ear tip looks, or how painful it might be (it's done under anesthesia during their spay/neuter surgery)... But that ear tip is a badge of honor. Someone cared enough.

Written by: Amanda Rumble - Community Cat Care



In June and July we trapped, fixed, and returned more than 20 cats at this farm near Russellville, and trapped another 20+ kittens that went to the Jefferson City Animal Shelter and People Helping Paws Cat Rescue to be adopted.



WANTED

Cat Wranglers Needed

If you can trap, temporarily house, and transport cats, and want to make a difference, please email us. We need help!

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We spent a lot of time at a colony on Missouri Blvd in 2024. We have fixed more than 20 cats at this location. The area was very littered, and there was no covered area for their food in bad weather. It is now clean, their food is dry, and they have several shelters to help them stay warm. Keeping the area tidy is very important in keeping a healthy colony, and amicable neighbors.

At this colony, and several others, we have a schedule of volunteers who feed and water the cats daily. Besides being dedicated to the cats' daily needs, they let us know if there are any health concerns and help keep the area free of trash.

We are regularly looking for volunteers to be colony caretakers. If you are interested in learning more, please email us. WildThingFFF@gmail.com



Learn more about TNR....

Visit these websites

Neighborhood Cats NeighborhoodCats.org

Alley Cat Allies AlleyCat.org

Both sites are a wealth of resources for trapping, building shelters, feeding tips, and keeping peace with neighbors.

As much as we want to help everyone, it is not always possible. We are few and the requests are many. Learn what you can do to help the cats in your neighborhood.

There are several opportunities for discounted surgeries, including \$100 coupons from the **Friends of the Jefferson City Animal Shelter**. For more information visit FriendsOfJCAS.org and click the Low Cost Spay Neuter tab. Sometimes we can loan traps & help financially.



We distributed dozens of insulated cat shelters in 2024. They aren't fancy, but they are warm.

We collect large Styrofoam coolers all year. They can be left at Tropical Tans on Michigan Street. Minimum inside dimensions 11x17 inches.

In the winter only use straw in your outdoor shelters.

Never blankets, or hay. Fabrics become damp and freeze.