



NEWSLETTER, SEPT/OCT 2015

SPAY/NEUTER

Thanks to a very generous donation from the Snyder Foundation for Animals we have been able to spay/neuter approximately 200 cats this year. We have had a nice relationship with the Snyder Foundation over the years and this is not the first grant we've received from them. We also received a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore which is a really great organization, truly dedicated to their mission of support and help for local non-profit groups. This is the first grant they've awarded to an animal welfare group.

We have been able to get a great many cats done for a relatively small amount of money by using a very low cost spay/neuter clinic in Davidsonville, Md. They charge \$45 for surgery, rabies, flea treatment, deworming and anything else they think the cat might need. Davidsonville is a long way to go (200 miles round trip) and we make two trips a month, bringing 20 to 30 cats at a time. This service is also available to pet owners so if you or anyone you know would like to take advantage of these low rates, just give us a call.

ADOPTIONS

Our adoption volunteers have been turning up in a lot of new places with pretty little kittens looking for good homes. You might have seen them at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market, the Berlin Second Friday Stroll, Millsboro PetSmart, Tractor Supply, etc. We have been successful in getting kittens adopted and people have been generous in dropping bills and change in our collection jars. If you run into us at any of these locations, stop by and say hello.

SANCTUARY

We are once again dreaming of a sanctuary for homeless cats. We receive so many calls from people who have to give up their cats or cats that have been left behind when their owners move and all kinds of similar stories. For instance, we had a call this week from a lady who for years has been caring for about a dozen cats, all spayed and neutered, who live in an abandoned house in her neighborhood. The house is really an eyesore and the fire department has scheduled it for a practice burn. They now tell her that they will be coming at any time depending on the weather. The cats have to be moved ASAP. We will, of course, help her, but we would love to be able to say, "Bring them to us", but that just isn't possible because we have no place for them. Our friend Pat keeps telling us what she's going to do when she wins the lottery, but that hasn't happened yet. If you know of any inexpensive property in the area, please give us a call!

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Town Cats website has been revamped by Webnotik and is back online. It includes lots of information on Town Cats as well as volunteer and adoption forms, a page of adoptable cats, an events calendar and more. Please check it out at www.towncats.net.

We are also trying to get more supporters and publicity via our Facebook page by posting photos of adopted cats and their new families, events we participate in, bios of adoptable cats and kittens and much more. Please find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Towncatsofocencity.

VOLUNTEERS

Town Cats always needs volunteers to help with trapping, feeding colonies, adoptions, transportation, fundraising, fostering, etc. If you think you would like to help, or know someone who might, please call Pat at 410-208-0834.

It's hard to believe that it's already October and the summer is over. We've already started making plans for the Holiday show at the Convention Center. We hope to see you there and in the meantime enjoy the fall with its beautiful colors that will soon be here in full array.

TOWN CATS

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Martha Wheeler's quilt this year is a little different than usual. It is larger and there is much detail with the five cats climbing stairs and a squirrel in a tree watching them. The quilt has attracted quite a bit of interest when we display it at various events.

It is called "Stairway to Heaven." Tickets are \$2 a piece or 7 for \$10. The drawing will be held Thanksgiving weekend.

Please return ticket stub to:

Town Cats
PO Box 1405
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For more tickets please call Jeanne at 410-208-0922.