



# T-TOWN MEWS

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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

One of our trap-neuter-return projects that **the Doris Day Animal Foundation** helped fund in December was at a Tulsa shopping mall where we have fixed two dozen cats in the last three years.

In 2017, a colony of eight cats was living at the mall's shipping and receiving dock. Employees would stop by and leave food in exchange for cat watching and a nice break from a day of adulting. They grew to love each cat and named them all. With our help, this entire colony was trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and returned to happy lives at the mall.

In 2019, our services again were needed when kittens started popping up at this site. More cats had shown up, likely coming from nearby apartments, and they were rapidly multiplying.

In December, we TNR'd a total of 16 cats from three distinct colonies at the mall, and we are working on getting a handful of remaining stragglers fixed.

TNR is best accomplished through full cooperation of everyone involved, and that's what has happened here. All of our work on the property has been with the permission of mall management and under the protection of mall security, and that support is very much appreciated!

Moving forward, we are working with caregivers to help manage feeding, provide shelter to the cats and educate the public to support these efforts. The mall community loves the colony cats and understands and appreciates the benefits of TNR, and we are equally thankful that these cats are beloved and cared for.

# A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



In October, we hosted **City Nights**, our biggest fundraising event and the culmination of months of planning. We had a live trivia competition, a silent auction, dinner, drinks, a dessert auction and a restaurant pull. In addition to having a fun evening, we raised enough to pay for about two months of TNR! Thank you to everyone who attended and donated auction items.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAMANTHA POLEN



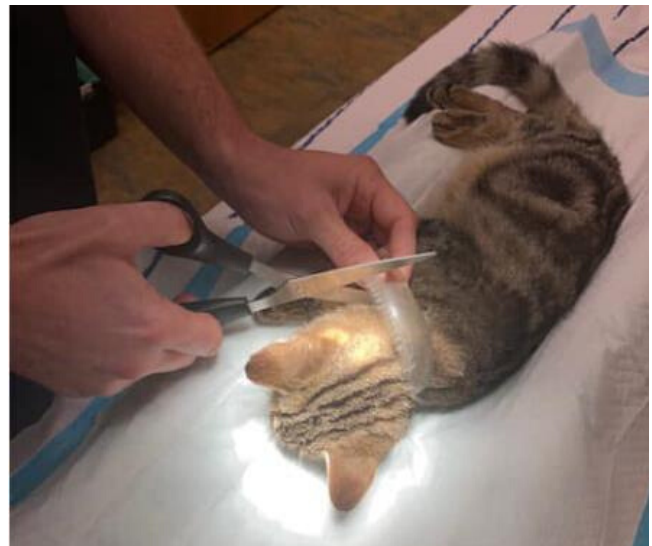
What an AMAZING year for our organization! We increased the number of cats that went through our program from 919 in 2018 to 1,377 in 2019.

Can we top that in 2020? We hope to TNR even more cats this year, but we also are focusing efforts toward generating support for establishing a city-endorsed community cat program in Tulsa.

PLEASE consider contacting your city councilors and letting them know you want a community cat program that will save more lives.

Thank you all for the continued support, not only financially but also by spreading awareness for this important cause in our city.

## SAVING LIVES, ONE AT A TIME



When we were alerted by a local animal rescue group to a feral cat with a plastic ring around his neck, one of our expert trappers jumped into action. **Janet Rials** endured two days of trapping in heavy rain before catching the cat. He received medical attention and was neutered, vaccinated and returned to his colony of 10 other cats that were later TNR'd. Colony closed! No more kittens!

Let this be another reminder to reduce use of plastic and responsibly dispose of all plastic used!





## FOURTH-QUARTER SUCCESSES

- TNR'd 300 cats in the quarter to bring us to 1,377 cats for 2019
- Recognized as **Tulsa SPCA's** Rescue Partner of the Year
- Received a grant from **the Bissell Pet Foundation** that provides \$6,000 for trapping in the winter months and provides microchips for all cats going through our program, helping get community cats back to their colonies if displaced
- Received a \$5,000 grant from **the Doris Day Animal Foundation** that in part will benefit our emergency medical fund for cats from our TNR projects that need extra care

## FIRST-QUARTER PRIORITIES

- Implement a training program for new team members
- Continue to engage with city leaders to promote **Tulsa Animal Welfare's** goal of having a city-wide community cat program
- Increase monthly program numbers to 120+ sterilizations
- Provide additional community awareness programs for our city to educate about community cats



## THANK YOU, AVON!

The **AVON Beauty Center** did a fundraiser for T-Town TNR that brought in \$187, helping us take three cats and a kitten through our program by covering the costs of spay or neuter and vaccines. Thank you to our own AVON representative, **Barbara Downing Harrison!** Support her with your AVON business online or in person at 5539 E. 41st St.



## DID YOU KNOW?

We track our colonies by city council district. We have received two grants for a specific project. **The Lockhart Foundation** (OKC) and **the Grace and Franklin Bensen Foundation** (Tulsa) are providing funding for **Route 66 Snip and Tip**, which targets 400 cats in District 4 in a year's time. District 4 includes downtown, the arts district, the fairgrounds and many midtown neighborhoods. This project is more than halfway funded. If you are interested in helping, visit our website to donate.



## Rescue Partner of the Year

## T-Town TNR

Executive Director Mindy Tiner thanks Melaine Gardner and Laura Redemann for their willingness to work together for common goals.



# SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS



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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are preparing to begin training sessions for the next round of volunteers interested in trapping. If that is you, please visit **TTownTNR.com** as soon as possible!

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

As a nonprofit organization, we rely on donations to continue to address feline overpopulation in Tulsa. Please consider donating to this important cause on our website, **TTownTNR.com**.