T-TOWN MEWS

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Preparing to TNR again as restrictions are lifted!

Each spring, more kittens born to unsocialized cats start popping up outside and landing in shelters where many will not make it out because there simply are not enough homes for them. This is frustrating for those of us who care about the community cats, especially this spring because we have been limited with how we can help.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, our high-volume clinic was closed and we have been in a holding pattern, waiting to get our boots and traps on the ground again so we can continue to stabilize colonies and the population through trap-neuter-return.

We also have had to cancel two of our events planned for spring and early summer, and we are waiting to see whether our second annual Tulsa Drillers Mystery Balls fundraiser will go on as scheduled at ONEOK Field in July. Last year, the Drillers helped us raise more than $6,200!

We are starting to TNR again amid lifted restrictions, but we will need your financial support to help us get back on track. **Please donate to our "Boots on the Ground" campaign at TTownTNR.com.**

NEWS AND UPDATES

- 297 community cats TNR'd in Quarter I before the pandemic was declared and halted most of our trapping
- 200 cats fixed through our Route 66 Snip and Tip program in District 4, thanks to the **Grace and Franklin Bernsen Foundation**, the **Lockhart Foundation** and other generous local donors
- All cats going through our program are now microchipped! Each can be tracked to its colony should it become displaced. The microchips are provided by **Bissell Pet Foundation and Petstablished.**
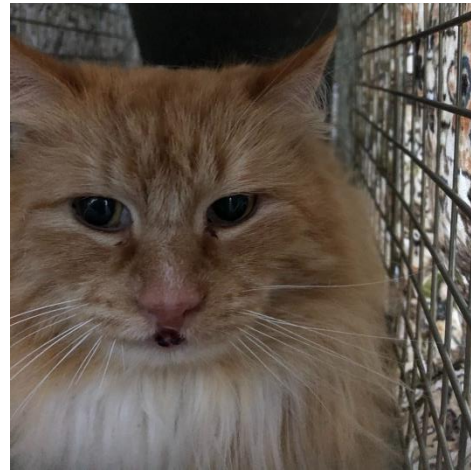

STORIES FROM OUR COLONIES

Recently, we received a request for assistance from a private hospital in Tulsa.

The employees had learned about TNR and wanted to use it to control the beloved cat population on their campus in a humane way. They had been feeding the cats and rescuing the kittens for many years.

Our team trapped throughout the cold winter to TNR nine cats at this location. The frequently reproducing mother cat was trapped in March, and she was spayed and treated for a uterine infection. She has recovered and been returned to the home she has lived all of her life. The colony will continue to be served meals, provided shelter and loved.

Thank you, Bissell Pet Foundation, for a grant that financed our TNR efforts this winter!

In search of a gift card for a fundraiser, one of our team members contacted a well-known local restaurant.

Within the hour she got a response, though not exactly what she had asked for. A worker at the restaurant lived next door to an elderly woman who fed a colony that kept growing, up to close to 20 cats.

We worked to trap, spay or neuter and vaccinate the colony with enormous help from the feeder and her son. In addition to the primary tomcat and several other males, there were 14 female cats who were spayed, preventing countless kittens from being born this year.

Many thanks to the Doris Day Animal Foundation for funding the surgeries on this project and for allowing our vet to treat an injured cat.

The Community Cat Podcast provides education, information and dialogue to people to help cats in their community. It has an extensive international following featuring professionals and leaders in animal welfare.

Team members Elaine Spencer and Melanie Gardner, both IT professionals, were recently interviewed by founder Stacy LaBaron about the platforms that they had created for T-Town TNR. These platforms are used to streamline our work, gather data and track community cat colonies, statistics, and expenses.

The podcast can be accessed at www.communitycatspodcast.com and by clicking on Podcasts to find episode 345.

TRIVIA WITH T-TOWN TNR

CITY NIGHTS

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 25 at Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame

Don't miss our second annual trivia event featuring dinner, the now famous **Tito's Handmade Vodka** "Ear-Tipper" cocktail, a silent auction and more! Watch for details!

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