

Townhouse Manor's Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program 2021 report

It has been a busy year in our TNR efforts and quite a bit in time and donations has been spent maintaining the current THM colony. My thanks to those who have donated monetarily and to those who have stepped up to foster kittens and help with the actual trapping in some way. Using the drop trap requires hours of sitting out in the elements holding a rope. Thank you, Natalya Entchev. Although we have trapped and neutered twenty-seven animals, we have fewer living on the property. Six have been adopted into families, one kitten is currently fostered with me and is available, three have died, etc... Two black males are eluding me because they are very trap savvy and may not actually be able to be captured. One is on the Bassoon courtyard, and one is coming here on Breakwood. We will continue to have strays in THM if there is no TNR effort in the adjoining Woodshire neighborhood. I have offered via Nextdoor to assist them in setting up a program there (equipment required, contacts and such) with no response, other than asking me to do it, which I declined. We are still associated with HOPE which enables me to get a lower rate for surgeries at AllCats and I currently have authorizations for six animals.

Last year I began January with \$1,556.00 in donations which was used to:

- spay/neuter of six cats (including vaccinations, parasite treatment and ear clip) with HOPE "trapper pay" discount (\$45.00 to \$120.00 each depending on sex, heat or pregnancy)
- additional veterinary charges for two cats experiencing illnesses (\$276.00)
- one drop trap (\$138.00)
- one kitty condo (\$120.00) and winter straw for all condos
- one warming pad (on Breakwood) & additional straw for all kitty condos during last February's freeze
- cat food, kitten food and milk, steel feeding bowls, litter & litter pans, mackerel (trapping)
- lysine, capstar & frontline, comfort zone
- six kennel blankets for surgical recovery and calming cover (\$30.00)

Of the six trapped last year, we had three males and three females, one of which was pregnant and aborted. One female kitten was adopted by a THM resident, and one male kitten is available. One feral male required extensive veterinary care with two courses of antibiotics before release. With all the above expenses and additional 2021 donations of \$576.00, I am entering 2022 with \$660.00.

Last February's freeze was extremely difficult for the THM cats but, the condos and feeding stations with lysine supplements allowed most of them to survive. It did cut down on the birth of many kittens during the warmer months. Trapping is difficult and labor intensive. The same goes for two to five days of surgical re-hab. Fostering continues to be a problem. I am always in need of volunteers. There will always be stray cats and the TNR program is the only humane solution for the problem. Contact me if you would like to help.

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