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**Celebrating 500:** It is hard to believe that we are headed in to our fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) year as a non-profit organization and have reached our first goal of 500 cats sterilized. Of course, it would not have been possible **with out** the care and support of many concerned citizens, businesses and devoted volunteers/caretakers **who** see those beautiful little faces everyday. We truly appreciate the veterinarians and staff who have worked with our group on a regular basis. We hope to help many more this year with your continued support. The sterilized cats and kittens live a much better life although they live outside. They appreciate what we do for them!

**Mobile Unit sterilizes 58:** Help for Animals, Inc. recently held a mobile unit in Belpre, Ohio and Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program coordinated the surgeries for 58 cats and kittens in March 2007. Just think of the lives saved by these surgeries. We appreciate the wonderful work this clinic does and their vet, Kelly Pinkston, DVM who is one amazing lady. The staff is great too! Thank You!

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fashion Show, Tea-Biscuit Party:** Special thanks to all our volunteers and our supporters who helped make this happen. Our group raised over \$700 for the sterilization fund and had a wonderful time. The tea and pastries were fabulous and the fashion show was great! We would like to thank Rhonda Cain, owner of the Clothes Tree Consignment Boutique for coordinating this event, the models and volunteers. We would also like to thank our area sponsors, Lee's Studio, Horner and Harrison, Carolyn's Touch of Difference, Patti Johns' Beau-Monde, Panera Bread, Foodland, Hampton-Inn, Mineral Wells, The Colonnade Grille, Der Daug Haus Pub and Grille, Balloonmania, Foxfire Candles and the many others who supported our fundraiser. We appreciate your help!

**Working on Legislation:** Save a Kitty is currently

working on legislation to establish a fund, to assist with sterilization of homeless/feral cats and kittens and also to assist low-income/disabled individuals in sterilizing their pet cats or strays they care for. We hope to enhance the animal laws in the Mid-Ohio Valley area. These beautiful creatures deserve a chance at life and humane treatment. Please watch for upcoming information and support us as we try to make some changes.

**Adopted Cats Update:** These beautiful girls, named Six and Seven were adopted early in our program by Jessica Besswick of Marietta, Ohio. As you can see, they are fully grown now and living with Jessica who has since moved to Chicago, Illinois. We are truly grateful that she has taken such wonderful care of these girls, who were originally abandoned behind a local restaurant with their (4) sisters and mother. We are happy to report that all of the ladies have been adopted, with the exception of mama cat but we are **sure** her sweet disposition will eventually win a **loving heart**. Thanks Jessica for being a wonderful, **responsible** pet owner. Happy life to you, Six and Seven.



**TNR Postcards Mailed:** With the help of Alley Cat Allies, our parent information group, Save a Kitty FCP will be mailing TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) postcards to all shelters and rescues in the state of WV, in order to help the locations identify “ear tipped” cats and kittens. Eartipping is the universal identification of a “managed” feral cat colony and basically states that the cat or kitten is sterilized, vaccinated and managed by a caretaker. In other words, the cat or kitten should be immediately returned to its familiar habitat (where it was trapped) and released to continue living as it always has. Feral cats and older kittens are un-adoptable and do much better living in a colony of cats. The left ear is trimmed straight across approximately ¼” and does not have a point. This ear tip allows the caretaker to identify which of their cats and kittens have already been sterilized.

**Athens Co. Colony Relocation update:** This is the Athens County colony, before and after photos of the cats that were sterilized and relocated to Judy Deem, our Education Coordinator. As you can see it is chow time! They absolutely love mom’s special gumbo and have put on quite a bit of weight. They love their new home and are very content. After four (4) weeks of confinement, they were released and chose to stay at their new home. No wonder though, mom has them quite spoiled. Thanks Judy for giving so many a wonderful new home.



**Little Mad Jack is back in the classrooms:** He is still educating children in the classroom about caring for felines and making sure they are sterilized and vaccinated. So many tiny kittens are homeless and will never get to live with a wonderful, loving family because there are so many of them. Little Mad Jack was one of those kittens, found living in the middle of a field with his littermates and no mama cat in site. He was bottle fed and nursed back to health by Judy Deem, his new mama and as you can see, he is quite the dashing gentleman. He is a special kitty and we are so glad to have him as part of our program. This is one happy ending. Thanks Jack!



#### **Did You Know?**

- ☞ Cats have 290 bones in their body.
- ☞ Cats have 527 muscles.
- ☞ Cats have five more vertebrae than humans.
- ☞ Normal body temperature for a cat is 101.5 degrees.
- ☞ A cat’s ear contains 30 muscles.
- ☞ It takes a minimum of 12 muscles to control a cat’s ear movement.
- ☞ Cats’ ears pivot 180 degrees.
- ☞ Cats have some of the sharpest hearing in the animal kingdom. If you often find your cat waiting for you at the door when you come home, it is because he or she can recognize your footsteps from hundreds of feet away.
- ☞ Adult cats have 30 teeth.
- ☞ Cats can see up to 120 feet away.
- ☞ Cats come in three body types:
  - ☞ **Cobby** - compact body, deep chest, short legs, broad head with large round eyes.
  - ☞ **Muscular** - sturdy body, round, full-cheeked head.
  - ☞ **Foreign** - slender body, long legs, long tail, wedge-shaped head with tall ears and slanted eyes.