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NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe that we are saying goodbye to year 2004 and beginning a new year of helping feral/stray cats and kittens. A lot has taken place in the last three months and we hope to continue our efforts and help more cats as we take on year 2005. Please try to remember that you will always encounter some negativity toward stray/feral cats or our method of Trap, Neuter and Return, as it is a new method that many people are not familiar with. Our job is to educate them in a professional manner and show them the benefits the program offers.

Sam's Club information table: Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. set up an information table at Sam's Club on October 30, 2004 and raised over \$400 for our spay/neuter program. Not to our surprise, many citizens stopped by our table to gather information on feeding and caring for their stray/feral cats. When asked what problems they faced, the answer was, funds to pay for their cats' sterilization and the ability to catch the cats for the surgeries. They were extremely excited to know that our organization existed. Thanks to Carol, Karsun, Tanya and Deb for working the table.

National Feral Cat Day (October 16, 2004) Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. set up an information booth inside the Grand Central Mall, to pass out information to colony caretakers or anyone interested in learning what our organization does. We would like to participate in National Feral Cat Day, 2005 with a much larger booth. New for 2005, we will be working on an educational program for primary and secondary schools. Judy Deem has been named our education coordinator. She is a substitute teacher and will do very well inside the classroom. We hope to teach the children of today how to be the responsible pet owners of tomorrow. Thanks Judy and congratulations!

Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc., a non-profit corporation now has a new web-site up and running. Please check out our program and let all your friends and family know what our web-site address is: www.saveakitty.org Thank you to Pat Walter, our web-site designer for all her hard work. She is a very talented artist and web designer, as you can see. Her personal web-site is www.sixdogstudio.com Also, a special thank you to Jeff Perkins who created our original website and put us on the wide world web.



TNR (Trap, Neuter and Return) works. Cat populations gradually decrease. Nuisance behaviors associated with mating and breeding are virtually eliminated. The cats can live healthy, safe and peaceful lives in their territories.

If you are feeding stray or feral cats and would like to learn how to humanely trap them for medical care, Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. will assist you in your efforts. Please contact Kandi @ (304)482-8987 or Sue @ (304)482-8631. Our e-mail address is available online @ saveakittyferalcatprogram@yahoo.com. Or e-mail kandicozad@charter.net You may also visit our website at www.saveakitty.org for information.

Did You Know? One pair of cats and their offspring can produce 420,000 new kittens in a (7) year period. **Please spay and neuter your pets!** To date, Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. has sterilized 70+ cats. We have also placed 28 kittens in to responsible, loving homes. A care contract is in place to guarantee that these kittens are sterilized as soon as age permits or they can be legally recovered by the organization. **Reminder!** Please return your spay/neuter verification to us or make an appointment to have your feline sterilized.

Caretaker Colony Site: The following photo is a picture of a current caretaker's colony. As you can see, they have provided shelter and a clean, dry feeding bin for the cats. This is the ideal situation for these animals if they can not be placed in to permanent homes as long as they are in a safe living area and have daily contact with their caretakers. If you would like information on how to build these for your colony, please check with one of our volunteers. All shelters and feeding boxes should have the "Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc." signs placed on them.



Internal Revenue Service: The organization has completed the 501(c)3 filing with the Internal Revenue Service. We should receive an advanced ruling at any time. Our permanent exemption should come within a few months. This will allow the program to file for all types of grants made available to animal welfare organizations. Most issuing grant corporations require that programs hold the 501(c)3 exemption in order to qualify for grant dollars. We will keep you posted as we receive the information.

PetSmart Charities: The following website offers very informative "Webinars" that you can

attend via your computer. They relate to animal welfare organization issues and are open to anyone interested. If you have the chance, visit their website and sign up to view the areas related to feral cat/kitten care. You will appreciate the valuable information. Their website is: www.petsmartcharities.org We also want to provide the website address for Alley Cat Allies, the national feral cat resource website. Most of our information is provided by this wonderful group of people who deal with feral cat issues. There address is: www.alleycat.org

Monthly Meetings: Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. will continue to meet on the first and third Mondays of each month. If a holiday falls on these days, the meeting will be held on Tuesday. All meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus council home, Market Street @ 7 p.m.

Cash for Critters: The Cash for Critters fundraising program is going very well. We have collected several empty ink cartridges, toner cartridges and cell phones. We would like to expand this program and increase the cartridges that we collect. We have a great potential to raise money using this fundraiser. Please check with your family members, friends and area businesses and ask them to save their empty ink cartridges for you.

Asilomar 2004 Accords: In August 2004, a group of animal welfare industry leaders from across the nation convened at Asilomar Conference Ground in Pacific Grove, California for the purpose of building bridges across varying philosophies, developing relationships and creating goals focused on significantly reducing the euthanasia of healthy and treatable companion animals in the United States. Through hard work, lively discussion and brainstorming, a common vision for the future was adopted. The mission of those involved in creating the Asilomar Accords is to work together to save the lives of all healthy and treatable companion animals. This is the philosophy of the Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. The Accords foster the notion that communities should work together to collaboratively reach the ultimate goal of ending the euthanasia of healthy and treatable companion animals and utilize these funds on educational programs that will help prevent pet overpopulation issues.