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Sam's Club: On Saturday, October 1, 2005, our education table was set up at Sam's Club, for anyone interested in learning more about care taking feral cat colonies. A total of \$326.31 was donated to our spay/neuter program. A variety of fundraising items were available including, apple butter, candles, pet rescue decals and Save a Kitty T-shirts, etc. We provide education packets for persons interested in TNR (Trap, Neuter and Return) for colony management. If you are interested or know of someone care taking stray cats, please refer them to our Website: www.saveakitty.org or they may contact any board member for additional information.



Rummage Sale/Car Wash: Our first annual rummage sale and car wash was to be held Saturday, October 8, 2005 at the Der Daug Haus Pub on East 7th Street in Parkersburg. Due to the unpredictable weather, it was finally held on Saturday, November 12. The sale took place at Jefferson Elementary School who co-sponsored the event. The sale will be an annual event in honor of National Feral Cat Day held annually on October 16. A total of \$1,010.55 was raised from this event. It will be our annual Mid-Ohio Valley Feral Fundraiser. Special thanks to Ed Alfred, principal of the school who allowed us to use the facility.

Special Thank you: We would like to take the opportunity to thank some special people who have supported our efforts throughout the inception of our program. Following are local business owners who have continually helped in one way or another. We would appreciate your patronage at their locations. Also, several individuals who we would like to personally thank.

Mountaineer Family Restaurant, Dave & Martina Short

Mountaineer Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, Dr. Mike Shramowiat, M.D. and Donna Davis, D.O.

Walmart, Inc., Patriot Center

Winans, Inc., Joe and Jim Winans

Mahone Tire, Karen Mahone

Pleasants County Humane Society, Jamie Matheny, Kathleen Smith, Elaine Elliott and Margaret and Robert Stanley.

Dr. Judith Kemp and Cindy Mowery

Debbie Hines

Pat Walter @ www.sixdogstudio.com

Gary Burch @ Hillbillypets.com

We would also like to thank our vets, caretakers, volunteers and the many others who help these felines every day. They truly depend on us and we appreciate your help.

Foxfire candles available: Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program now have their very own signature candles available for sale. They are nice candles and are professionally created by Foxfire candles located in Parkersburg. Foxfire candles create beautiful candles especially for Tamarack. Our candles have the signature orange rescue color along with various other complimentary colors and various scents. If you are interested in purchasing a candle, please contact Kandi at kandicozad@charter.net or one of our volunteers/board members. They are priced at \$6.00 and \$10.00. A picture of the candles will be on our Website soon.

Another Happy Ending: (Annie and Mozey)

Cindy Parmiter and her family adopted this little beauty and her mother in November. Sue Burns, our Board member, found the mother cat inside a golf cart at Worthington Golf Course. The kitten was born just a few hours earlier. She and mommy are extremely sweet and deserved to be adopted together. They are extremely close. We would like to thank Cindy for welcoming them in to her family. We are forever grateful that they were adopted together.



Grant approved: Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. was the proud recipient of a \$500.00 grant from the Petco Foundation for their continuing work on the spay/neuter program of homeless and feral cats and kittens. The approval letter from Petco Foundation was received on December 14, 2005. The grant money will be used to continue the alteration of homeless/feral cats and kittens. To date, the program has altered 156+ cats/kittens. With the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the grant was not expected. As our mission statement indicates, we work constantly to raise more funds in order to help these

precious animals. All companion animals should be sterilized. The benefits of sterilization make their lives happier and healthier. Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. is working to establish a low-income assistance program in the future. Our continuing work with feral and homeless cats/kittens will prevent thousands of births and suffering.

The Basics about Cat Food: A cat's basic nutritional needs are protein from meat such as fish or a poultry source. They also need taurine, an essential amino acid and certain other vitamins, minerals, enzymes and fatty acids. They need fresh water daily. Cats do not need carbohydrates. Most nutritionists agree that cats should get a variety of food, both dry and canned for several reasons.

- While dry food is convenient and can be left out for "free feeding", canned food contains water and many cats don't get enough water regularly.
- Cats may actually become bored with the same food, day in and day out and simply quit eating. When changing dry food, it should be done gradually by mixing it in more each day.
- To ensure that your cat gets the right amount of nutrients. The food you have chosen for your cat might be adding too little (or too much) of certain minerals and/or vitamins.
- To avoid possible allergies to certain ingredients. Cats can develop allergies over a period of time. Although rare, owners might want to err on the side of caution, especially if their cats have shown evidence of allergies in the past.
- To prevent food addictions. Some cats can become addicted to certain flavors or brands but this can be easily avoided by feeding a variety of foods from the start.

Spay/Neuter program continues: As of this newsletter, we have altered 156+ cats/kittens and placed 37 to wonderful, permanent homes. We still have several cats that need a forever home. Please refer anyone interested in adopting to our Adoption Coordinator, Tina Gilbert. An application, care contract and sterilization agreement are required. We do not charge an adoption fee but adopt to permanent, loving, homes only. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and here's to a Happy New Year 2006! We hope to save many more lives in the coming year.