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Welcome to the 4th quarter newsletter!

2018 marked the eighth year of SNACK's operation! As we wrap up the year, here are a few of 2018 highlights:

- We held 12 Fix-it Days at the Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic and one more is scheduled. The number of cats spayed or neutered at the clinic so far totals 360.
- We partnered with the Humane Society of Morrow County and the Rascal Unit and held three spay days in Marengo; 147 cats were spayed or neutered.
- Volunteers trapped in 18 trap/neuter/return projects (TNR); 72 cats were spayed or neutered and most were returned to their colonies. Two kittens were surrendered to SNACK, socialized and adopted.
- We became nonprofit partners with the Animal Health Organization in Delaware and Network Partners with Best Friends Animal Society.
- We revised the website and added a mobile website.
- In September, we celebrated the achievement of 3,000 cats spayed or neutered since 2011!

As we look ahead to the new year, we expect to continue our monthly fix-it days at the veterinary clinic and to continue with our trap/neuter/return program.

In January, we will have more complete information in our year-end activity report. All of these highlights can be attributed to the dedication, hard work, and generosity of our supporters, volunteers, and donors. Thank you!



Why Do Feral Cats Leave Their Territories?

Recently, I experienced the loss of a colony cat. She disappeared mid-day in late July with no trace. After a couple weeks, I lost hope of her return but last Saturday evening, Hairy Shairy came back! I have no idea as to where she's been but here are a few reasons, courtesy of Catster.com, as to why a cat might leave his/her colony.

1. One common reason is curiosity. An outdoor cat may enjoy exploring a new neighborhood and find a new caregiver. If a cat is not neutered, he may roam in search of an intact female.
2. Fear can also play a role in relocation. If there is some danger, such as a dog or raccoons or noisy construction equipment, a cat may move to a safer territory. When there are multiple cats in a colony, cats may clash with each other, with dominant cats chasing away submissive ones.

3. A cat may be accidentally displaced. For example, a cat might be chased by a dog or coyote and then be unable to find its way back to the colony.
4. A cat might accidentally be shut into a building and be unable to get out or have climbed into a container and been accidentally transported.
5. A feral cat might be ill and hide. A cat might also fall prey to another animal.
6. An outdoor cat may vanish if he has been captured by a well-meaning person.

Welcome New Volunteers, Brandy, Shana, and Kim!

Brandy started volunteering with SNACK this fall. She works as a respite caregiver and has a dog and cats. In her free time, Brandy loves to camp, garden, and repurpose items. She has a contagious enthusiasm for crafting and our mission.

Shana attended previous fix-it days as a client and then started volunteering for SNACK this fall. Shana is an administrative assistant and has great people and organizational skills. She has worked previously in a kennel and shelter and likes to craft as well.



Late this fall, we needed some help fostering a kitten from a TNR project. Kim stepped up and socialized little Wigi. Kim has dogs and cats and did a fantastic job. She also helped to find a home for the kitten. Kim works as a substitute teacher and loves The Ohio State Buckeyes!

Cats have an absolute emotional honesty; humans, for one reason or another, may hide their feelings, but the cat, does not. - Ernest Hemingway

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, December 8—Holiday Open House and Photos with Santa-Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic (FVC), Noon to 2 pm
- Tuesday, December 11—Holiday Fix-it Day, FVC. (Full)
- Tuesday, January 8—New Year Fix-it Day, FVC. (Full)
- Saturday, January 12—Annual SNACK Board of Directors Meeting, Sunbury Donato's 1 pm
- Tuesday, February 12—Valentine's Day Fix-it Day, FVC

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ONE AND ALL!**

