

South
Middleton
Community
Cats



SM Community Cat Connection

Fall 2025



Only 1 in 4 kittens will survive to 6 months outside. This one, and his two siblings did not. #TNR

Interested in bottle feeding?

Email us!

There's a second "kitten season" And we're in it...

It's been a bit of a whirlwind the past two months, even as we vowed to "take some time off" and prepare for our **upcoming Bingo Fundraiser**. What I don't think any of our volunteers anticipated was a "second kitten season." Almost from the day we tried to go on hiatus, we were fielding phone calls and texts from people finding kittens! It's just that **we had no appointments** on the books until late September.

In particular, this kitten was found stranded between two cinder blocks in the dark of night crying out for its mom. The caretaker and her daughter tried to keep him warm in a fuzzy sock and bottle feed it, but as we mobilized to try to find a permanent foster, **we realized he was afflicted by Flystrike**.

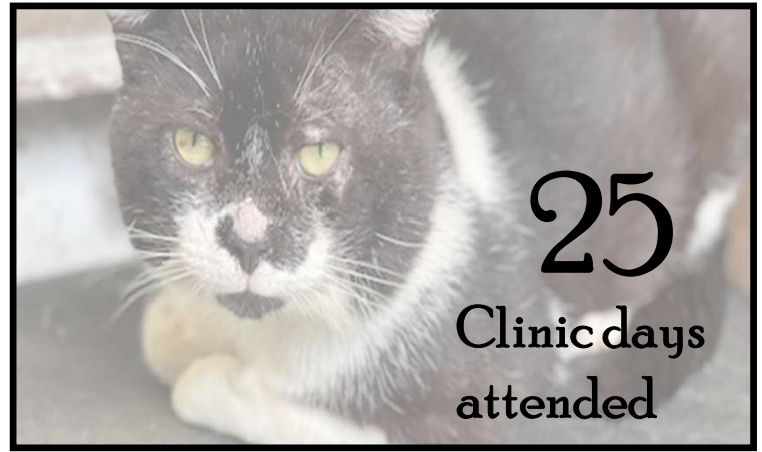
Well, this was new to us at SMCC. You can look it up if you need to, but this little guy didn't make it through 48 hours. Shortly afterwards, three more kittens were found, two of whom passed and one went to foster. **If you've ever thought about fostering, kittens are a great place to start.** To be honest, you get them when they pretty much have a ton of love to give. Before they get "Catitude!"

It's true that the mortality rate for kittens born outside is 75%. Please help us spread the word about TNR. And, frequently check our partner clinic The Nobody's Cats Foundation for appointments. We don't have to be the only ones doing this – **you too can be their hero!**

Schedule appointments at www.nobodyscats.org

2025 Mid-Year

IMPACT REPORT

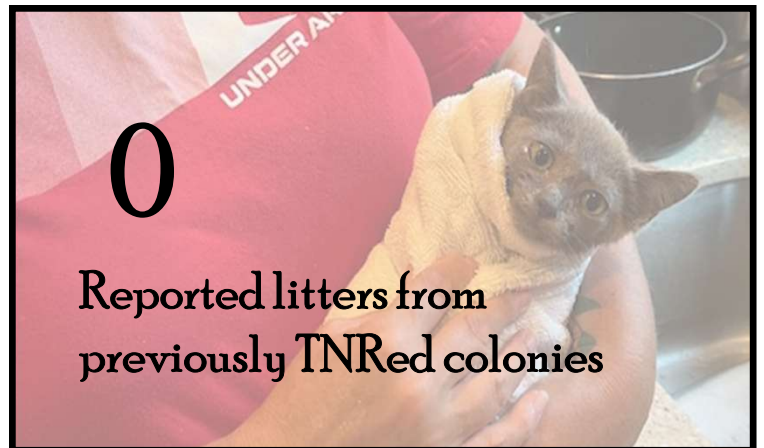


148 Community Cats
TNRred

91 South Middleton
Township Cats

70 Females Spayed

78 Males Neutered



210 *Potential litters
and
1,050 Kittens avoided

36 Colony Caretakers

12 SMCC Volunteers

Stories From The Street

Piney: our unofficial mascot

We had only JUST gotten placement for the Fern Litter (Boston, Autumn, Dixie Wood and Button who, BTW are at the Carlisle Cat Café!) when we got a call from a volunteer about a tiny black kitten who had been put out from a car on Rt. 34. Our volunteer was already holding 6 other cats and kittens from previous TNR projects, and was **begging for a foster**.



We made contact with a farm who said they would take him (at this time, we thought Piney was a boy) provided he had a **clear FIV/FelV combo test**. We utilized the TSC pop up vet that following Saturday, and when we got the news later that week that she was clear, we were ready to place her.



Except. They also wanted her to be **clear of any URIs**. Let me tell you, ALL the cats we've seen pretty much forever have an upper respiratory infection. At this point, knowing we'd have her for 10-14 days while on meds, we said we'd handle it ourselves.

And handle it we did. At 5 weeks old, **covered in sap and pine needles**, with an upper respiratory infection and goopy eyes, Piney moved in. And, **spoiler alert** – she hasn't moved back out. What's one more black cat?



I always say, *“more than half of rescue is just luck.”*
The right time, the right place. **Happy life, Piney~Pines!**



Do you have a passion to volunteer for a Non-Profit?

Board of Directors

Suzanne Shriner – President/Treasurer

Janelle LaMaster – Vice President

Bonnie Holtry – Secretary



We are looking to **add members to our board** who want to lead committees or help us shape the future of South Middleton Community Cats.

If that's you, reach out!

SMCommunityCats@gmail.com

Partnering With Community Aid

Township Residents amazed us with their **overwhelming support** of our Clothing Donation fundraiser partnering with Community Aid.

On Sunday, September 7th, volunteers from SMCC collected **over a literal ton of clothing** to net us nearly **\$400!**

This money will be used to offset the cost of food, transport, and medical supplies for cats in our care this year and into next!



Use Partner Number **#50336** when making your own donations in Mechanicsburg!

BENEFITS OF TNR

- ❖ **Improved Health:** Sterilized cats often experience better overall health, with reduced risks of certain diseases and injuries from mating behaviors.
- ❖ **Longevity:** Spayed females live 39% longer, and neutered males live 62% longer than their unsterilized counterparts.
- ❖ **Reduced Nuisance Behaviors:** Sterilized cats are less likely to exhibit behaviors such as yowling, fighting, and spraying, leading to fewer complaints from residents.
- ❖ **Decreased Shelter Intake:** Implementing TNR programs has been associated with significant reductions in the number of cats entering shelters.

A heart-felt Thank You, to our most recent supporters and those who donated to our Bingo!

Jana H.	Michelle C.	Alicia C.
Marlene M.	Denise S.	Davis Country Living
Carol H.	Tracy D.	The Bubbler Foundation
Cortney M.	Barb W.	Windswept Valley Farm
Susan N.	Jen R.	Shelly C.
Cynthia T.	Wendy L.	Deb L.
Christine A.	Laura	April K.

Chris S.

Tractor Supply Company
Comics and Cool Stuff
Meadowbrooke Gourds
Leo's Ice Cream
Playa Bowls, Carlisle
Applebee's
Boiling Springs Pool
Castlerigg Wine Shoppe
Crystal Hunt Photography
Karns Quality Foods

JOIN US at our first BINGO Fundraiser!

Held November 1st at 2pm – Doors open at 1 for food
at The American Legion “South Mountain”
Post 674 in Mt. Holly Springs



Cash bar!

Purses, Raffles and more! 20 Regular games, 4 Special games, 1 Blackout game.

Rip
Tickets!

Fewer than 40 tickets left! \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door.
Contact us at SMCommunityCats@gmail.com to reserve yours!

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Raffle!

Here are some of the fabulous raffle baskets/items available!



Does your corporation partner with any of these giving platforms?



Be the neighbor who can help!

Not only do we have our last in-person seminar of the year, we also share links to the TNR certification webinars held by the Neighborhood Cats organization. These webinars not only cover TNR, but how to build winter shelters, taking care of bottle babies, and advocacy in your local government.

Our in-person seminar will be held on October 10th at 6:30 pm at the South Middleton Township building.



Have you visited our website?

www.smccats.com

Our next fundraising opportunity!

Red Robin® will give
20% OF FOOD SALES* BACK TO

**SOUTH MIDDLETON
COMMUNITY CATS**

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

236 Westminister Dr, Carlisle, PA 17013
October 27, 2025 5PM - 9PM



Our Panera fundraiser was a fantastic success! We ordered nearly \$500 worth of food and reaped 25% of the total equaling \$125, which means an additional 3 cats TNRred plus meds! We are so thankful for our SMCC supporters!

Volunteer Opportunities!

Immediate needs are:

- Cutting Pee Pads
- Canvassing neighborhoods for next seminar
- Solicitation of businesses for future fundraisers
- Yard Sale (next year!) planner/coordinator
- Food donations for colony caretakers
- Transport to/from clinic appointments
- Trappers and Caretakers

And as always, we need volunteers who want to learn to trap, or do pre-post surgery care. Email SMCommunityCats@gmail.com for more info



New Merch! Wristbands are \$1.00!
Send us an email or FB message.