

South
Middleton
Community
Cats



SM Community Cat Connection

Spring 2026

Exciting News for SMCC!



South Middleton Community Cats is proud to announce that we are one of 3 fully funded, and one of 5 grant recipients (out of 70 applicants) of the **Mission Meow** April Grant Cycle for small cat-centric non-profits!

The funding for our project “**Camp Speuter**” is something very close to my heart, as it enables us to TNR more community cats, especially in inclement weather. The goal is to completely demo and rebuild this **1984 Sunliner**, outfitting it with proper flooring, insulation, heat and air which will facilitate our TNR goals.

With the help of volunteers (“TNR-Dad” mostly) we hope to be finished and ready to launch by mid-summer. Having **temperature-controlled areas** for pre and post recovery is essential to the work we do, and will help so many more residents as they become empowered to TNR on their own, but need a safe recovery space.

Keep an eye on our social media pages where we'll share how the project is coming along!

-Suzanne



Make your 2026 Birthday Count!

Have you ever thought about creating a fundraiser for your favorite charity or non profit? When you share our mission with your network, we find more volunteers and donors to help us keep doing what we love!



It's EASY!

- Tell FB “What’s On Your Mind?” by creating a post
- Under your name, slide the carousel of options over to the end – Fundraiser
- Search for South Middleton Community Cats to support
- Set your donation goal
- Post!

It's that easy – and we thank you from the bottom of their toe-beans!

Stories From The Street

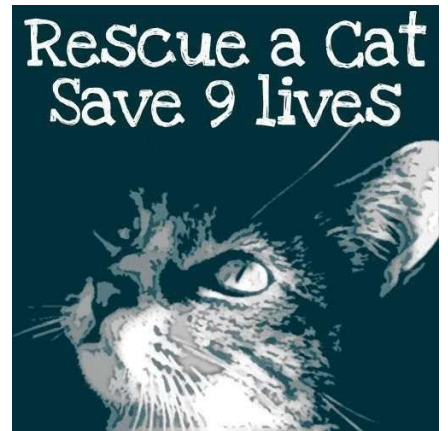
Partnering and Networking

It's been a bit of a "slow" start to the year, and for that, we are thankful. But that means we don't have a really good **Story from the Street** this newsletter. So, we thought we would take the time to highlight some good work and partnerships we've made over the past year!

Loving Care Cat Rescue – This rescue, based out of Lemoyne, PA is incredibly active almost every single weekend with adoption events. Their pages are all up to date with the events and adoptable cats, and they have been invaluable by taking in some of our hardship cases. Please spread the word about "Adopt, Don't Shop" and look to our local rescues first! www.lovingcarecatrescue.org

The "Bake Sale Ladies" – A group of ladies who spend their weeks baking, and their weekends selling those goods to raise money for non-profits in the area! We were lucky enough to get connected with them for a March bake sale and raised over \$450 to contribute to our ***Merl Medical Grant***, established last year to help offset the extraordinary costs associated with medical TNR cases. We are so thankful, and encourage you to be on the lookout for them at the Pet Supplies Plus in Lemoyne, as well as Boscov's in Harrisburg on various weekends!

And as always, we thank our partners **Furry Friends Network** and **Saving Acres Farm** rescues, as well as **The Nobody's Cats Foundation** and **South Middleton Township** for their support!



What do you do when you have cats who can't be returned to their previous home?

What do you do when you find a litter of kittens while TNRing?

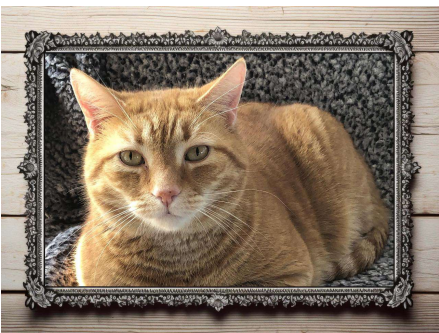
Glad you asked. We panic.

Because every rescue we contact is full. They simply don't have any fosters.

What it means to foster a cat...

- Fostering offers **short term care** for a cat who isn't ready for adoption yet.
- It's a **temporary commitment** in a low-stress environment that helps them show their true colors.

Fostering eases overcrowding in shelters, and ensures **successful adoptions** as cat parents can match prospective adopters to personalities.



Adoptable "Reggie", a former SMT resident now at LCCR



A sampling of the baked goods sold by the Bake Sale Ladies

ALL COSTS AND SUPPLIES COVERED!!



Found Kittens? Don't Kit-Nap!

START HERE: Are the kittens injured or critically sick?

→
YES

Visit www.SMCCats.com/resources to see a list of rescues to start calling

NO ↓

Estimate the Age of the Kittens



0-2 WEEKS OLD

Eyes closed or barely open



2-4 WEEKS OLD

Eyes open and alert; becoming mobile



4-6 WEEKS OLD

Very mobile and often talkative; can eat food



6-8 WEEKS OLD

Very active and playful; around 1-2 pounds



8+ WEEKS OLD

Very active and playful; 2 pounds or more

STOP!! Can you see the Mom cat OR a nest?

YES ↓

DON'T KIT-NAP!

A kitten's best chance is with mom. Leave the kittens where they are. Make sure mom has access to food, water and shelter. Work with SMCC to ensure kittens are fixed at 3lbs/3mo.

NO ↓

ARE YOU SURE?

Mom may be off hunting or not want to come around if people are present. Watch for her to come back in a few hours.

Tip: Leave a ring of flour on the ground to check for paws

If the kittens are friendly, utilize social media and your personal network to try and place them in homes. Reach out to SMCC to schedule spay/neuter and remember to include mom & dad!

If you step in, you are assuming the responsibility to provide care and raise the kittens. Check out our resources page for support and to help you with this option.

↑ **MOM CAME BACK**

↑ **STILL NO MOM**

A heart-felt **Thank You**, to our most recent supporters who not only contributed to our working funds, but also to two separate fundraisers for colony cats this winter!

Susan N.	Vanessa W.	Joanne S.	Janelle L.
Katie R.	Bobbie V.	Cindy T.	Jessica G.
Sandi K.	Josephine C.	Gretchen P.	Dorothy A.
Merelene M.	Gloria R.	G&A	Rita E.
TSC Steve	Michelle C.	Kimberly D.	Deb L.
Chelsey E.	Joanna V.	Melissa F.	
Allison V.	Ray W.	Lisa & Robert L.	

And a reminder about our wish lists!



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Both can be found by visiting our webpage under "donate"

Only Two More Chances to Attend!



Free TNR Basics courses for 2026! Come learn how you can be part of the solution in making a better life for our community cats. Participation in the class satisfies eligibility for township-sponsored vouchers for your colony. Visit www.SMCCats.com for more information.

June 16th and September 23rd.

6:30pm start held at the Township Municipal Building meeting room.



DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED CLOTHING & SHOES AT THE



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Clothing Drive

APRIL 19th, 2026 from 12 – 2PM ** SMT Municipal Building Parking Lot ** 520 Park Dr.

Your donations turn into financial assistance to support the important work we do in our community!

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

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2026 Online Auction
Begins May 22 and ends 7pm May 31

Auction Items Needed!!

In lieu of a Bingo this year, we are hoping to raise \$5000 via an online Auction in May! To help us do that, please be prepared to **spread the word and share the link** when we go live on May 22nd!

If you have items to donate, **reach out to us via email to arrange pick up or items**. We are looking for experiences (golf, dinner, classes) and uniquely cat-themed items!

Have you visited our website?

www.smccats.com

How Come We Have TNR Seminars?

At the seminars, attendees not only learn the history of TNR, why it's effective, and how to do it, but also tips and tricks, as well as walk away with useful information on colony care – from feeding, to shelters to being a good neighbor. We're **building a community** here, one where we can network, ask for help, learn from each other and advocate for TNR.

It takes a village; it's not just about eligibility. It's about education and advocating for the community cats of South Middleton and beyond. That's the SMCC vision.

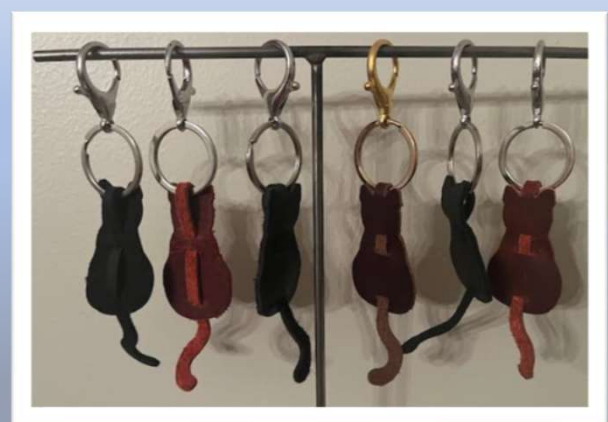
Volunteer Opportunities!

Immediate needs:

- We will be canvassing neighborhoods in South Middleton as well as some trailer parks and could use volunteers to hang door hangers.
- Yard Sale (next year!) volunteer workers!

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



Limited Fundraiser

10 left! hand-made leather cat
keychains! \$10 ea

Send us an email or FB message.