

South
Middleton
Community
Cats



SM Community Cat Connection

Winter 2025

Students Giving Back



Earlier this Fall, **Connor's** mom reached out to see if we had any opportunities for him to earn service hours. As luck would have it, this young man was very thrilled to **collect clothing and items for Community Aid and drop them off using our partner number \$50336**. How excited we were to see his donation turn into cash for SMCC!



We're also lucky to have **Kara** who not only helped decorate our Bingo Hall last month, but she's also completing some service hours **cleaning and feeding 15+ cats before and after their clinic days!** Preparing for a career in EMS, we figure this kind of fits in with "first responder!"

These stellar kids are making a difference for community cats!

Planning Begins Now!

Coming off our successful Bingo Fundraiser, we are shifting gears to 2026. Our Yard Sale fundraiser was super successful, but the logistics didn't work in our favor – setting up and breaking down everyday. In addition, storage of donations became less fun as the weeks went on.



Therefore, we are asking the community if they have any space, to lend (or rent) for a few weeks in the Spring?

This could be an empty garage, barn, warehouse, retail space, etc. 2-3 weeks max, just a place we could bring donations, set them up and close and lock the doors each day. Reach out if you can connect us with someone, thanks!

Stories From The Street

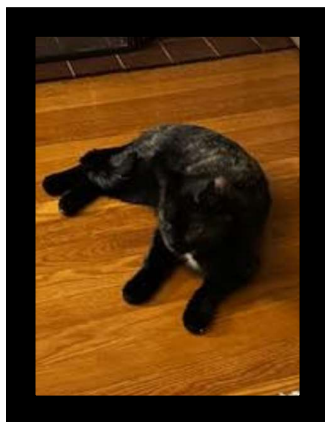
"TPK1, TPK2 and TPK3"

TPK1 – That's short for **Trailer Park Kitty** – was found crying and wandering around the property of a caretaker whom we had helped earlier this year. The text read: "Help, kitten crying and I don't know what to do, I put it in a carrier and it's still crying." Off we went to secure her. The sweetest 6-month-old tabby cat you ever did see. But not a kitten, more like a teen. Old enough to be put back there on her own.

But then the next text came, and said: "There's another pretty cat here, she's hungry and can you get her too?" We said, ok, we can trap and alter her, but then she's gotta go back. That's her home. **TPK2**, a beautiful **Torti** also proved to be an even-tempered girl, who didn't fit the "street cat" type. Something was up.

Wouldn't you know it, a few days later, our volunteer was called to get **TPK3**, a handsome **black and white tuxedo** with a worn-out collar still around his neck. Well friends, that's when we got the story that all of these cats had been previous indoor cats and were let out about 2 months prior when their owner "left suddenly."

Obviously, no one was there to take care of these cats, so alternate plans needed to be made. Many thanks to those who sprang into action to help find homes, and especially to *Loving Care Cat Rescue* who took **TPK3** after 21 harrowing days here.



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.

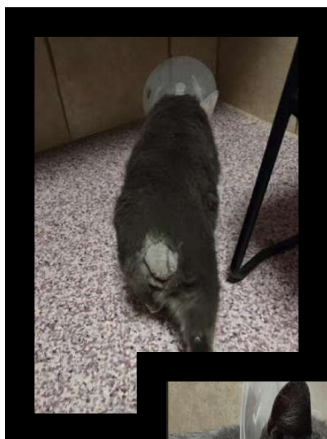
What it means to foster a cat...

- 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.

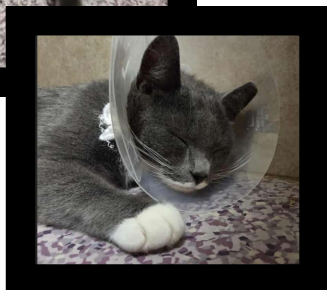
Fostering **eases overcrowding** in shelters, and **ensures successful adoptions** as cat parents can match prospective adopters to personalities.

**ALL COSTS AND
SUPPLIES
COVERED!!**





*Mustachio,
a former
TNR cat
showed up
with a badly
damaged
tail that
needed
removed.*



Introducing the “Merl Medical Grant”

Due to a very generous donations, we are excited to offer a fund specifically for the extraordinary medical care of community cats. This grant has been established to offset medical needs like: **tail amputations, the cost of patient exams, ongoing medication, and other TLC visits** that are not specifically covered during the TNR process. Most of these dollars will be used when caretakers visit low-cost veterinarians like the *Humane Society of Harrisburg Area and York CARMA* program. We will work directly with the hospital and the caretakers. **Email us if you feel you are a good candidate for this grant!**



December 2nd

GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past 12 years, this idea has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

People can show their generosity in a variety of ways during GivingTuesday—whether it's helping a neighbor, advocating for an issue, sharing a skill, or giving to causes, everyone has something to give, and every act of generosity counts.

Visit us at www.SMCCats.com/donate to donate on Dec 2, or anytime!

A heart-felt Thank You, to our most recent supporters,
all of whom donated in unique ways like Birthday
Fundraisers and remembering us in their memories.

Merlene M.	Susan N.	Kristy B.	Connor B.
Barb S.	Ken M.	Stevie T.	Kara W.
Celeste H.	Allison V.	April K.	
Maria R.	Deb K.	Melissa F.	
AJ & Ken	Tracy D.	Christine S.	
Daniel R.	Susan S.	Bev B.	

And a reminder about
our wish lists!



Both can be found by visiting our
webpage under “donate”

*Follow this QR Code to
Pre-Order Before Nov 30th*

10% discount use code TNRWORKS



Available in Shirts – Long and
Short Sleeve and Sweatshirts!



Christmas is COMING!

Do you need SMCC merch?

Have you visited our website? www.SMCCats.com!



A HUGE Thank You to Tracey and Ashleigh along with the *American Legion "South Mountain" Post 674* for hosting our Bingo last month. Along with great food and drink we had a sold-out crowd, lots of laughs and amazing prizes donated by some of the best local supporters and businesses! We are so excited to do it again next year! Let us know if you want to help!



Volunteer Opportunities!

Immediate needs are:

- Canvassing neighborhoods for next seminar
- Spring Auction Planning – Donations and Posting
- Solicitation of businesses for future fundraisers
- Yard Sale (next year!) planner/coordinator
- Food donations for colony caretakers
- Transport to/from clinic appointments

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



Stickers are a \$3 donation!
Send us an email or FB message.

Locked and Loaded for our 2026 Seminars

We are so thankful for the use of the **South Middleton Township meeting room** to hold our seminars again this year. Their partnership is invaluable. **All seminars start at 6:30 pm and are FREE**, however, we encourage you to **sign up to hold your space**.

You can use the QR code to the right to be taken to our website events page to find the session you want, or you can navigate to Facebook and find them on our EVENTS tab.



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.

January 7th, February 25th, June 16th and September 23rd. All start at 6:30pm and are held at the Township Municipal Building meeting room.

SOUTH MIDDLETON CATS FOOD DRIVE

JANUARY 5 - JANUARY 30
520 PARK DRIVE BOILING SPRINGS

DROP OFF NEW, GENERIC, DRY CAT FOOD



Hard to believe it's almost time for our now-annual food drive! **All donations go directly to colony caretakers** who may need a little extra for their kitties to bulk up this winter!

This year, in addition to the drop off location at the *South Middleton Township building*, we encourage you to **visit our Chewy and Amazon wish lists** to have product sent directly to us. If you do, **PLEASE be sure to include a gift receipt so we can thank you properly!**

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

2025 Year End

IMPACT REPORT

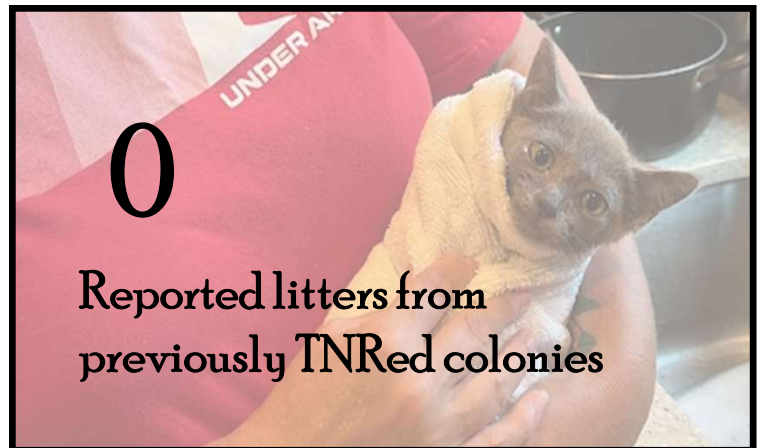


228 Community Cats
TNRed

171 South Middleton
Township Cats

118 Females Spayed

110 Males Neutered



354 *Potential litters
and
1,770 Kittens avoided

38 Colony Caretakers

14 SMCC Volunteers