

South
Middleton
Community
Cats



SM Community Cat Connection

Spring 2025

Celebrating One Year



It was March 2024 when our founder attended her first TNR assisting **Furry Friends Network**. The team planned for nearly a month, establishing a feeding routine for what appeared to be 20 cats left behind at a farm. After 2 solid weeks of feeding, the count was up to 30 and the team was ready to place traps, some borrowed from neighboring rescues like **Saving Acres Farm**, and personal traps on loan. On the morning of trapping, all 17 traps snapped, along with filling 20 more carriers, some containing two or more cats!

Off they went to their spa day at **Lambs Gap Animal Clinic**, while some stayed behind to see if there were cats we missed. All told, 47 cats were pulled that morning, with another 2 kittens found later in the week, and 3 more elusive felines who waited it out over the next few weeks.

Thus, the seeds of **South Middleton Community Cats** were planted, and here we are, one year later, making a difference!

2024 IMPACT REPORT

- 87 SMT cats TNR'd
- 16 Resident volunteers
- 11 Clinic days attended
- 9 Shelters distributed
- 1 TNR Workshop

And countless kittens
avoided for this Spring!


































2025 IMPACT TO DATE

- 37 SMT cats TNR'd
- 11 Resident volunteers
- 1 Amazing food drive
- 1 Fundraiser & 1 grant
awarded
- 1 TNR workshop

And more than half
a year to go!

THANK YOU, DONORS!

SMCC Pick A Date to Donate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Help us cover the cost of 12 Spay/Neuter appointments for Community Cats before "Kitten Season"					Ken M. 
Deb L. 	Anonymous 	Cynthia T. 	Deb L. 	Lisa B. 	Alicia C. 	Ken M. 
Deb L. 	Renee H. 	Lisa B. 	April K. 	Alicia C. 	Michelle C. 	Deb L. 
Michelle C. 	Jennifer S. 	Ken M. 	Deb L. 	Ken M. 	Anonymous 	Anonymous 
Tracy D. 	Ken M. 	Sandi K. 	Anonymous 	Tracy D. 	Anonymous 	Bobbie V. 
Bobbie V. 	Courtney S. 	GIVEAWAY - At the end of the month, we will randomly choose a day via wheelofnames.com wheel to win a WISDOM PANEL DNA test for your cat! (approx value \$100)				

WORKS:

Pick the date(s) that correspond with how much you'd like to donate, send us your name and payment via Venmo, PayPal, cash or check and we'll share your name as a supporter on our website and socials!

100% of proceeds go towards sterilization of Community Cats.

SMCC is a 501(c)(3) EIN 33-4837935

Our March Fundraiser was a total success, **raising 121% of the funds** we projected (\$599 vs. \$496) which enables us to Spay and Neuter a "Baker's Dozen" cats plus any medical needs they have!

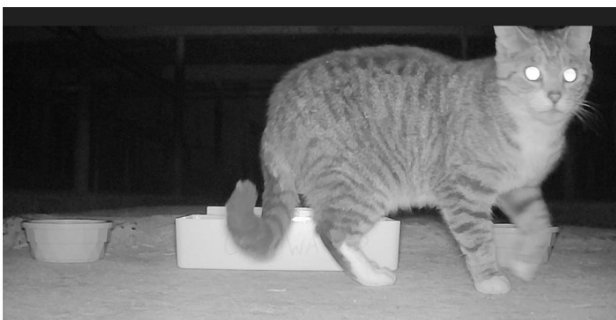
Such amazing community support!

The anonymous winner of the Wisdom DNA test didn't have a use for it, and when we re-ran the wheel, others passed as well, choosing instead to donate the test to the next rescue holding an auction – so that's what we'll do!!

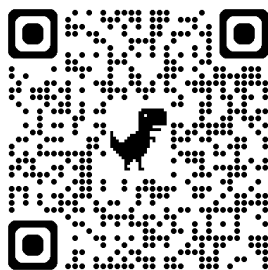


FREE Seminar

Upcoming Trainings



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South Middleton Township and The Nobody's Cats Foundation are once again sponsoring a TNR basics class to be held in April. This class satisfies the eligibility requirement for township-sponsored vouchers that cover the cost of spay and neuter through our partner clinics. Additionally, online classes from The Neighborhood Cats program also satisfy the requirement and are held on the first Saturday of every month.

TNR Certification through The Neighborhood CatsApril 5

TNR Basics at the Township BuildingApril 30

Stories From The Street

AKA “Augie’s Adventure!”

We set traps at location during some of the coldest temperatures we have seen this year! The food kept freezing, and we had to keep warming up the bait in the traps and work fast! Because this location has a couple dozen cats on property, we were feeling confident about monitoring traps and grabbing cats as soon as the traps snapped to move them to our holding location. On one of the grabs, we took two cats back to the holding area and got them all warm and fed.

We continued to trap until it was time to run the cats to **The Nobody’s Cats. Foundation**. Surprise! Our paperwork indicated one of our cats was already neutered! Well, he got his tip and vaccines and we took him back home thinking our caretaker just didn’t realize how many cats he really had.

On release day, we took the cats back to the caretaker, and as expected, they all ran. Well. All except one. Our friendly previously neutered male strolled out of the trap, proceeded to roll around in the dirt, and then dig a proper hole to do his business!

We stared at him in disbelief and finally the caretaker said,
“That’s not my cat.”

I cannot stress how confused I was at this statement.

Thankfully, this very mellow boy was easily put back into our carrier and after a very timely Facebook post from **Everything Cat Carlisle**, we noticed that “Auggie” had been posted to **FIND TOBY in PA** as missing from his home 2 days prior and in the same location.

We reunited Auggie with his parents and they explained that he likes to go outside and wander. No kidding! Poor Auggie had just wandered into a TNR trapping situation looking for some nice, warm food and found himself at a spa day!

Mistakes happen, and we are using this as a learning opportunity, but we also want to stress the importance of keeping cats indoors.

Top Reasons to Keep Your Cats Indoors

1. No fleas, ticks or ringworm!
2. No fights with predators
3. Less likely to get hit, lost or injured
4. No pregnancy!
5. Longer lifespan

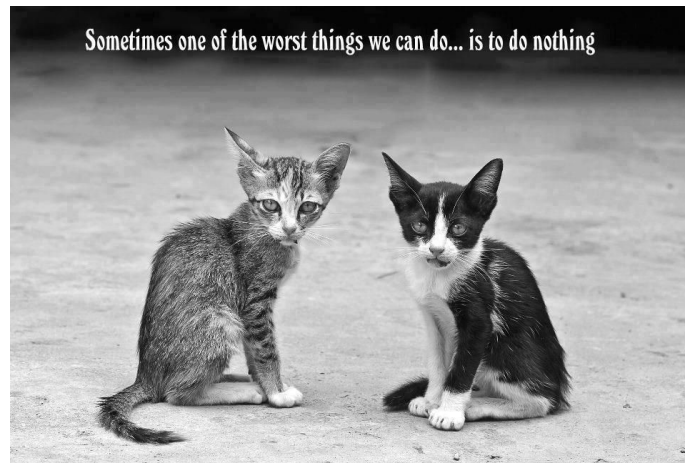
And....
Less likely to be
mistakenly trapped
for TNR!





The primary goal of a community TNR program is to reduce the free-roaming cat population.

Other objectives include **improving public health** and providing as good a level of care for the cats as reasonably possible. Another goal that has emerged in recent years is the **direct lowering of euthanasia** at open admission shelters through Return to Field programs.



Have you visited our website?

www.smccats.com



[Events](#) such as local vaccine clinics, trainings, and fundraising events



[Resources](#) such as low-cost clinics and rescues in the area



[Donations](#) to help us in our mission to TNR more cats!



382
pounds
of cat
food
donated
in
January!!

Volunteer Opportunities!

Are you looking for a way to get involved with the community? We are always looking for volunteers to help with:

- Newsletter
- Fundraisers/Grant Opportunities
- Fostering
- Colony Assessment
- Feeding
- Transport
- Pre and Post Surgery Care



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

Behind the Scenes!

Ever wonder what happens for the 3-4 days your community cat is away? The surgery is only one piece of the puzzle! If you've attended our **TNR Basics class**, you'll know there's much more to it than just a simple Trap, Neuter and Return!

We start trapping two days before the surgery day in order to ensure we capture all the cats needed to fill our appointments.

They get transferred from their traps into **Angel Carriers**. These specially designed carriers allow for a more comfortable stay with us, in terms of feeding, cleaning and transporting.

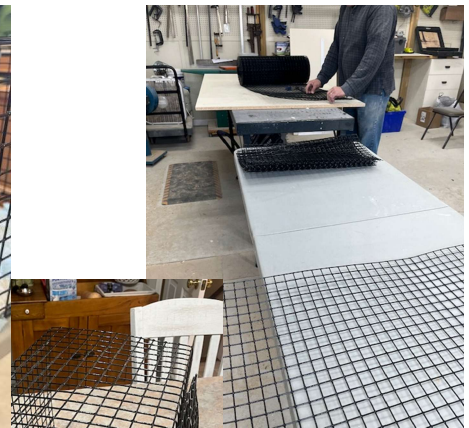
SMCC recently started making these carriers with help from a sizeable donation from one of our community members, allowing us to purchase the materials with the goal of making 25 this year.

All kitties in our care get meals 2x day and cleaned carriers as needed. They all enjoy a nice blanket covering the carriers in a safe environment.

To date, that holding area has sometimes been an enclosed garage, workshop, greenhouse, sunroom and even a bathroom or two depending on the caretaker!

As of this publication, we are excited to share that **SMCC** will be using a **1986 Sunline Camper** as our new holding area. We are excited to start remodeling it to fit our needs for holding cats pre and post surgery. It's so awesome to know that this acquisition will extend our trapping season, as the camper will provide adequate insulation for temperature controlling heat and air!

Cats stay with us for 24-48 hours post surgery receiving the same care, and are brought back to their location as soon as possible to alleviate stress.



*Cutting,
bending,
snipping,
clipping,
pressing and
clamping!*

Special Thanks to Our Supporters!

Tracy D.	Cynthia S.	Susan N.
Courtney S.	Wendy U.	Teresa P.
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