

Paws and Claws Society

Partners in Prevention Not Destruction

2021 Annual Report

HOPE TO HOME CAT RESCUE SUPPORT

A life saving partnership with several of our Circle of Compassion partners to rescue animals that many shelters would consider 'unadoptable' was implemented by Paws and Claws in 2021. That means any animal that can't go immediately up for adoption. Often they are sick or injured. Some are underage, unfriendly, unthrifty. They need 24 hour care, sometimes emergency surgery, a lot of TLC, and a safe place to heal. Every animal in our program has their own individual needs and we strive to address those needs. We are able to take on the hard special needs cases thanks to our wonderful rescue volunteers. Many grateful furry angels were saved from certain death because we provided extensive medical care that included major surgeries...And because someone dared and cared to believe that they could be saved and adopted!!

Paws & Claws Society provided more than \$15,000 in medical assistance in 2021

CATS ON THE BORDER PROGRAM, Revisited

Yes, SAFER Cats on the Border Program is back. Six months ago Paws and Claws Society reported "Mission Accomplished" in our five targeted areas on the border between NY and PA after determining that no new kittens were being born in the selected region. After five years of conducting TNR in the territory, the **88 feral colonies** we encountered were finally completely vetted and kitten free. This finding led us to declare victory, thus bringing SAFER Cats on the Border to a successful conclusion.

Now, six months later, we're back to monitor the program and the 88 managed colonies that were addressed earlier under the SAFER Cats on the Border Program. We want to make sure that colony caretakers have the opportunity to take care of any new arrivals in their colonies.

Cats on the Border, *Revisited* will again draw upon the unique and extremely successful partnership between Paws & Claws Society, Gemini Farm, individual trappers, colony cat caretakers, foster homes, veterinarians, and our Circle of Compassion adoption partners. Our goal continues to be that of providing colony cat caretakers all of the necessary tools to enhance their ability to maintain zero population growth.

Our mission is simple. Stop the "cycle of cruelty" caused by cat overpopulation. The key to success is spay/neuter. Spay/neuter prevents the reproduction of kittens before they are born. Once the babies are here they fill the shelters and rescues to overflowing; and as we all know, the consequence of overflowing shelters is suffering and death!

Paws & Claws Society volunteers TNR'd 92 stray/feral cats in 6 months of 2021

GIVE A LITTLE BOWL OF LOVE

2021 unfolded as another year of great economic uncertainty for many animal caretakers and their beloved pets. Paws and Claws Society continued our commitment to helping caretakers feed their pets. The need was urgent and PACS again met that need. PACS commitment to this life saving endeavor insured that struggling cat colony caretakers received the support they and their cats deserve.

Paws and Claws Society provided more than \$20,000 for pet food assistance in 2021

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SAFER (STRAY AND FERAL EMINENT RESCUE)

Stray and Feral Eminent Rescue Program is a PAWS AND CLAWS SOCIETY initiative developed and implemented under the auspices of the STAATS FOUNDATION in accord with their plan to establish no-kill communities. Our “Stray and Feral Cat Assistance” program certainly **epitomizes our philosophy of prevention, not destruction**. The SAFER network of local rescue groups and individuals is committed to improving the quality of life for homeless and unwanted felines by providing and finding homes, assisting and educating the community, and controlling overpopulation. The SAFER network advocates compassion towards felines, community support and the belief that felines are life-long companions.

Paws and Claws Society partnered with local organizations Pet Savers, SNIP, TLC-TNR and C.A.T.S. to spay/neuter 300 felines

2021 NO-KILL ADVOCACY SUPPORT

Paws and Claws Society has been a friend and supporter of Nathan Winograd since he founded the No-Kill Advocacy Center in 2004. Over the years from 2004 - 2021, we have funded the No-Kill Advocacy Center and its No-Kill mission for more than \$180,000. We were also proud sponsors of the ground breaking No-Kill Conferences held in Washington DC in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Paws and Claws Society was again a proud supporter of the No-Kill Advocacy Center. The No Kill Advocacy Center was founded in 2004 by Nathan Winograd. Nathan had created the nation’s first—and at the time, only—full-service No Kill community. There were no other national organizations exclusively dedicated to creation of a No Kill nation and certainly none with staff who had experience creating No Kill communities.

“If every animal shelter in the United States embraced the No Kill philosophy and the programs and services that make it possible, we would save nearly four million dogs and cats that are scheduled to die in shelters this year, and the year after that. It is not an impossible dream.”

CIRCLE OF COMPASSION FOR ANIMALS

The “*Circle of Compassion for Animals*” brings together groups and individuals in a coalition of animal advocates with the expectation of establishing no-kill communities. First introduced in 2006, the “Circle” continues to build on its initial success by expanding the circle of participants each year.

“*Circle of Compassion for Animals*” objectives are to:

1. To increase the placements of adoptable, healthy cats and dogs
2. To reduce the deaths of shelter dogs and cats
3. To reduce the number of stray/feral cats in the county via TNR and placements
4. To increase the number of spay/neuter surgeries
5. To provide appropriate medical treatment, behavior modification and/or foster care to turn sick, injured, traumatized, infant or unsocialized animals into animals ready for placement.

“Circle” partners strive to find loving, permanent homes for all adoptable animals. PACS and their Partners further pledge that adoptable animals will not be killed just because they are homeless at a time when shelters and rescues are full; they pledge to find room at the inn by widening the circle of compassion. “CIRCLE” members may include representatives from local and county government, the veterinary community, animal control officers, businesses, and individuals who work diligently on behalf of animals. PACS offers financial support to “Circle” referred animals, including treatable and/hard to place animals. Support includes reasonable medical care and/or behavior modification training necessary prior to placement.

Paws and Claws Society is a 501(c)(3) Federal and New Jersey registered charity operated entirely by volunteers. All contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.