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PARTNERS IN PREVENTION NOT DESTRUCTION

2022 Annual Report

CATS ON THE BORDER PROGRAM, Revisited

S.A.F.E.R. Cats on the Border Project continues to quietly change the lives of cats and kittens in our target area in a very positive way, while stopping the production of future litters. The project has, to date, prevented the births of tens of thousands of kittens who would have had no future except a life of pain and suffering. We look forward to continuing to improve lives and prevent untold suffering well into the future through our “Circle of Compassion” partnerships.

Volunteers continued to trap and fix stray and feral kitties in our designated communities even through COVID. Despite the rising prices at the gas pump and pet supply stores, our mission is one of great passion and priority so, of course, we could not say no!

The big news of the day is a new location for our spay/neuter clinics. Don't misunderstand, we were very happy with our partners over the years but because of COVID and those rising prices affiliated with TNR, we looked for an alternative; and we found it.

Gemini Farm Sanctuary is the new home for our TNR clinics. We started this venture in January with a local veterinarian, Dr. Robyn Terrel, who has a mobile spay neuter clinic and we are very happy with this new partnership. The change in location has dramatically cut down travel time going back and forth to the clinic because the sanctuary is located almost in the middle of our target TNR area. It has also eliminated at least one trip per clinic as the volunteers no longer leave the cats and then come back to pick them up at the end of the day. Everyone pitches in to make sure all the work is done correctly and efficiently and so far the change has been a huge success.

Paws & Claws Society volunteers TNR'd 271 stray/feral cats on the border in 2022

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 Forgotten Cats, Pet Savers, SNIP, and C.A.T.S. to spay/neuter 750 felines in 2022

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GIVE A LITTLE BOWL OF LOVE

2022 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 \$ 17,000 for pet food assistance in 2022

HOPE TO HOME 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, or 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 \$ 9,000 in medical assistance in 2022

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.