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Feral Cat Count to Pass 7,000

The For Pets' Sake (FPS) Feral Cat Project (FCP) has been a roaring success! FPS is now working with cats in colony #836 and in the next couple of months will surpass 7,000 cats fixed and over 1,200 kittens and cats rescued. The project started in 2009 with just three volunteers, but because the FCP reaches those who care about animals, several people who started as caretakers in need of help have joined FPS as active volunteers, both in the FCP and other programs, and a few have joined our board of directors.



FPS has also had two large grantors. PetSmart Charities provided grants in each of the program's first 3 years to help ensure a solid start. In 2011, the Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter approached FPS and began providing certificates for free feral spays and neuters. And they still do. Without this wonderful group, the FCP would have fixed 2,000+ fewer cats.

For many years, FCP volunteers trapped feral cats once and often twice a week and brought them to local veterinarians, but the program runs a little differently now. Our aging volunteers rarely trap anymore, and the cat colony caretakers have stepped up to catch and transport their cats to a vet themselves. Many FPS volunteers continue to feed feral colonies without caretakers in Cortez and in Montezuma County.

Most of the 1,200 rescues have been 6- to 8-week-old kittens. FPS takes them in, gets them healthy and friendly, and transfers them to our partners in Glenwood Springs and Eagle, Colorado, for adoption. But then there are the emergency situations. That story will be featured in the May newsletter.

Marian Rohman has managed the program since its inception, with many volunteers, donors, and grantors making it a true success. Many kudos to Marian for her insight, leadership, and dedication.

Preventing Animal Cruelty All Year Long

April is officially recognized as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. For Pets' Sake, with your support, is constantly on the alert to protect animals and help them live long, healthy lives. The FPS food programs feed hungry dogs, cats, and feral cat colonies. Free doghouses provide shelter for animals from all kinds of weather. The FPS medical assistance program, with the help of a grant from the Animal Assistance Foundation, aids pets with medical emergencies and dental care. The spay/neuter program, assisted by a grant from the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund, spays and neuters many cats and dogs to help eliminate the suffering of overpopulation and disease. The FPS foster program for kittens, puppies, dogs, and cats provides an opportunity for many animals to find forever homes. Together, FPS and YOU make a difference in animal lives every day.



Board Meeting Dates

Monday • April 13 • 6:30 p.m.

Monday • May 11 • 6:30 p.m.

Call 970-565-7387 for more information



St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale Recap



Our St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale added \$630 to the For Pets' Sake pot of gold. Thanks to all who baked and purchased treats and those who made generous donations to FPS. **Mark your calendars for our upcoming Mother's Day Bake Sale on May 9 at City Market.** Look for more details in our May newsletter.



Art for the Animals a Spectacular Success



What brings animal lovers, artists, and those who appreciate great art together? Art for the Animals, of course, at Turquoise Raven Art Gallery. Gallery owner Mary Fuller's longtime affiliation with For Pets' Sake created a perfect mix for a wonderful evening of art, music, food, wine, and fun.

Over 100 people enjoyed food provided by FPS board members and our incredible bakers, wine donated by Smitty's Liquors, music by Cottonwood (featuring Linda Carter, *center*, and FPS board member Patty Boyer, *right*), and art from 29 artists. Many submitted multiple pieces of art and seven students also participated.

Special thanks go to Fuller, who invested hours of her time to bring the show together. If you have not visited the gallery, please stop in to thank her. Each of the beneficiaries—FPS and Blackhat Humane Society, which works with abandoned and stray animals on the Navajo Reservation—received over \$2,000 to assist with their life-saving programs.

We hope to do it again next year.

Fundraising Brunch Benefits Local Animal Rescues



The three tax-exempt small animal rescue organizations in Montezuma County, had a pancakes and waffles brunch fundraising event in February at Obe's Angels Thrift Store in Cortez. Proceeds were split between For Pets' Sake, Obe's Angels Rescue, and Rachel's Forgotten Felines.

The Lunch Ladies provided fresh fruit trays and a bread pudding; Moondog Cafe & Bakery provided savory and sweet pastries, and other local businesses donated supplies. Dee Dee Ford won the quilt donated by Stacy Zion. Lynn Dyer won the door prize.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the spaghetti dinner planned for April has been cancelled.

Thank you for your support.



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