



ALLEY CAT RESCUE
AN ALLIANCE FOR CAT PROTECTION



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ACR Sends Team to Help Pets Affected by Hurricane Harvey

Alley Cat Rescue recently led an effort to help the people and animals of Texas who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. An experienced team was deployed to rescue animals and bring them to safety.

“It was quite devastating to see all of the people and animals who have been displaced by this storm,” said Denise Hilton, Director of Operations for Alley Cat Rescue.

ACR helped rescues relocate homeless cats in Texas to make room for cats affected by hurricane Harvey, Hilton added.



Hurricane Harvey floodwaters

As local Houston shelters reached full capacity, a number of temporary emergency shelters helped handle the large number of pets who needed food, shelter and medical care.

It was critical for volunteers to locate pets in need and then quickly and efficiently administer care for their survival. Some of the pets will be relocated with their caregivers while others will be placed in new homes. Alley Cat Rescue traveled to the area to assist with these efforts to save as many pets as possible.



Rescue cats await transport from Texas back to ACR headquarters

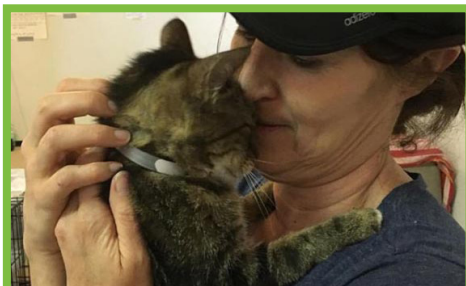
Alley Cat Rescue transported a van full of cats and kittens back to our headquarters in the Washington, D.C. area. Another group of cats were transported to our facility in California. Our team provided medical treatment when they arrived, and our kitties are adjusting well to their new temporary home. Our staff is now working hard to find loving forever homes for these travel-savvy cats.

“It’s really a satisfying feeling knowing that the work we were able to do in Texas directly contributed to saving the lives of a number of animals,” said Elizabeth Thomas, Director of Development for ACR. “We’ve got a great team working here.”

Thanks to all of the generous donations we have received, Alley Cat Rescue can continue to perform life-saving work.



ACR team members, Liz and Denise, with two of the cats they rescued from hurricane affected areas in Texas



ACR team member, Desiree, comforts a rescue cat that was displaced by Hurricane Harvey



Liz, Denise, Korn, and Miyun pose with rescue cats while working at a shelter in Texas



A pair of kittens cuddle together at ACR headquarters after having traveled from Texas

Support Our Work

Planned Giving:

This will provide you with an opportunity to meet your personal financial goals and will strengthen our work to help cats in the future. Enjoy tax savings and turn appreciated assets into income for yourself and others. Charitable gift annuities allow you to make a gift of \$5,000, \$10,000, or more and receive fixed interest payments for life, as well as tax deductions. For more information, request our planned giving brochure by calling 301-277-5595, emailing us at acr@saveacat.org, or by sending us a written correspondence to: P.O. Box 585, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.

Wills and Bequests:

Consider Alley Cat Rescue in your estate plans. This will ensure that your love and care for cats continues beyond your lifetime. Suggested bequest language: “I give (specific amount or property) to Alley Cat Rescue, Inc., having its principle office at 3906 Rhode Island Avenue Brentwood, MD 20722 or PO Box 585, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712 for its general purpose to help stray, abandoned, and feral cats. Tax ID: 52-2279100.”

Meet Our Team

THE DEDICATED STAFF OF ALLEY CAT RESCUE

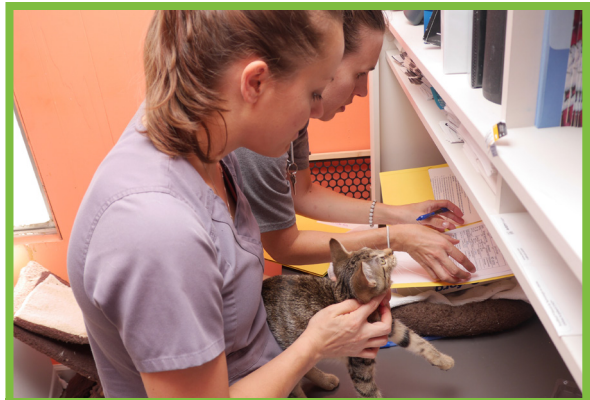
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Dr. Caitlin and Niki prepare medical paperwork for a kitty who recently arrived at our rescue



Two of our volunteers, Magnus and Catherine, comforting some of our rescue cats



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Do you have an old vehicle, in any condition, that you'd like to get rid of? If so please consider giving it as a tax deductible donation to Alley Cat Rescue. Your donation will allow us to continue our outreach efforts to help cats in need and to place them in loving homes. Please visit tinyurl.com/acrdonation for info on making your vehicle donation.

ACR leads TNR Workshop

Alley Cat Rescue recently led a workshop in Roanoke, VA to train residents living in areas with high concentrations of feral/community cats on how to properly conduct TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) operations.

Alley Cat Rescue partnered with Mountain View Humane animal hospital and Barn Cat Buddies, a sanctuary for feral or skittish cats, to help manage colonies there. TNR is the most effective and humane way to treat feral cats and manage their colonies, according to *Alley Cat Rescue's Guide to Managing Community Cats*.

“We had two volunteers come with us trapping ... they had never done it before,” said Niki Cochran, program manager at Alley Cat Rescue. She added ACR staff taught them TNR techniques, and that “they’re going to be part of the feral cat community for the rest of their lives.”



Community members who came to our TNR workshop pose with a few of the cats that were captured during the event

The workshop’s goal was to teach community cat advocates in Roanoke how to conduct TNR sustainably, said Alley Cat Rescue’s director Denise Hilton.

“[The volunteers were] so excited ... that we were able to share our knowledge to help them along,” Hilton said. “They don’t work for an organization, they’re individuals -- they are out of the kindness of their hearts concerned for the cats in their neighborhood.”

Cochran said the workshop was very successful. Mountain View Humane was interested in how a shelter could provide TNR to the community.

“The head vet [at Mountain View] was definitely instrumental in making sure they had these more progressive policies [concerning TNR],” Cochran said. To help in Roanoke, Alley Cat Rescue gave Barn Buddies a grant to conduct 200 free spays and neuters, and gave Mountain View Humane a grant to conduct 100 free spays and neuters. These grants are in addition to the 42 TNR’s completed with Alley Cat Rescue. Our rescue also plans to give another grant to Mountain View Humane for spays and neuters.

This workshop was part of Alley Cat Rescue’s new *Alliance for Cat Protection program*. The program helps build a network of support for shelters throughout the United States.

You can help ACR provide more U.S. shelters with help by donating to ACR and earmark your donation ----ACR- ---Training and Education.

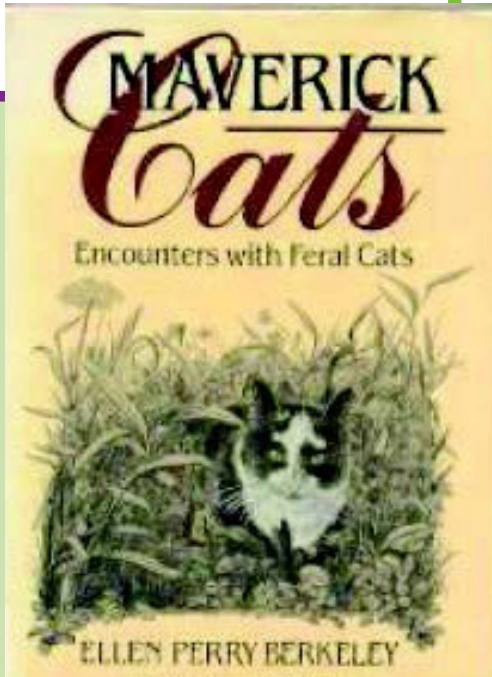


Denise leading a workshop on the benefits of Trap, Neuter, Release programs



One of the many feral/community cats that ACR trapped during our TNR workshop

Alley Cat Book Reviews



Buy a copy of Ellen Perry Berkeley's book,
"Maverick Cats: Encounters
with Feral Cats"
and she will donate \$3 to Alley Cat Rescue!

Send a check in the amount of \$11.95 payable to Ellen Perry Berkeley,
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Book: *Cat Scene Investigator: Solve your Cat's Litter Box Mystery*

Author: Dusty Rainbolt

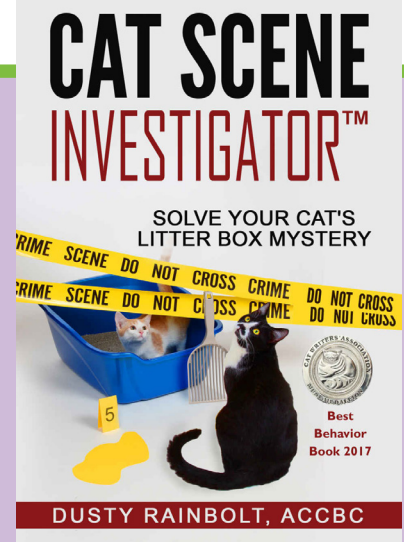
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Review by Elizabeth Thomas

Litter box issues can be fixed! If you take the time to examine your kitty's environment, they will become a potty perfectionist in no time, according to author Dusty Rainbolt. Rainbolt sets clear steps to take control of a messy matter.

Rainbolt's book, *Cat Scene Investigator Solve Your Cat's Litter Box Mystery*, addresses frustrating litterbox problems with step by step instructions. The entertaining illustrations and mind prodding questions lead the reader to discover why their kitty misses their mark. Rainbolt's book addresses everything that can cause litterbox dilemmas, from possible medical issues to the layout of the home.

Rainbolt's book is an essential resource for adopters, rescues and shelters. Cat owners will feel armed with knowledge to decipher their kitty's behavior. With easy to digest pieces of information, the reader will not be overwhelmed. Instead, they will feel ready to tackle their kitty's bathroom behavior. This book will keep cats in their home and out of shelters, which is the mission of all cat lovers and especially Alley Cat Rescue.





The offices at ACR headquarters are full of playful cats and kittens



A litter of bottle fed kittens start to explore our offices



A recently arrived kitty at our rescue receives an examination



We work hard to connect loving caregivers with cats in need of forever homes



ACR's box truck advertising our twice a month spay/neuter program



ACR Volunteer, Cheryl, leaving food and water for a colony of TNR'd feral cats that we care for



Cats in transport to the vet clinic to be spayed and neutered



ACR's Louise Holton showing the ear-tip of a TNR'd cat on Paros Island, Greece



ACR team members provide a nail trim for one of our resident cats

Your donations are at work here. We could not have done any of this life-saving work without your help and support!



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3	Water Bottle (teal)	\$10	\$8	N/A		\$
4	Alley Cat Rescue V-Neck Black T-shirt	\$18	\$14	S, M, L, 2 XL		\$
5	"I Am A Cat Angel" Red Long Sleeve Shirt	\$20	\$8	Small & Large Only		\$
6	Grocery Bag (white)	\$10	\$5	N/A		\$
7	Tote Bag (grey, black, and hunter green)	\$15	\$12	N/A		\$
8	Alley Cat Rescue Black Long Sleeve Shirt	\$20	\$16	S, M, L, XL		\$
9	ACR's Guide to Managing Community Cats (book)	\$15.99	\$10.99	N/A		\$
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Cheap Fix Clinic Saves Lives

Twice a month, Alley Cat Rescue takes the issue of pet overpopulation head-on by holding our Cheap Fix Cat Clinic. By offering low-cost services for community and pet cats, we reduce the number of adoptable kittens and cats needlessly killed in overcrowded shelters, as well as the number of cats living outdoors. We advocate for cats nationally and also believe in making a big impact right in our own community.

More than 1.4 million cats enter U.S. shelters each year, but sadly, only 3 in 10 make it out alive. Unfortunately, many healthy, adoptable cats and kittens are euthanized simply because our shelter system lacks the resources to care for them. Since the majority of new kittens entering shelters are born to outdoor, free-roaming cats, providing access to affordable spay/neuter services for community cats is the best way to reduce reproduction and lower intake and euthanasia rates.

Since launching our Cheap Fix Cat Clinic, Alley Cat Rescue has provided these important services for numerous cats and kittens in our community, and we are eager to help more!

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation so that we can continue to offer these life-saving services and reach more cats in need.



Alley Cat Rescue operates a spay/neuter program twice a month in order to humanely control the cat population in our area



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