



ALLEY CAT RESCUE

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ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year- August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016



Mission Statement:

Alley Cat Rescue's commitment is to help stray and outdoor community cats in the United States and around the world, by promoting humane nonlethal care to improve cats' lives. ACR works to reduce the number of feral cats living in colonies through a proven method called TNR or Trap-Neuter-Return. ACR works to:

- Assist cats on a local level through rescue and adoption
- Offer subsidized TNR programs and facilitate the work of caretakers to help reduce outdoor cat populations
- Assist cats on a national level by providing a communication network for cat caretakers via our Cat Action Teams
- Find humane solutions for outdoor cats, by working with government agencies and the veterinary community
- Assist cats on an international level by hosting Feral Cat Spay Day annually to strengthen the relationship between cat caretakers and veterinarians
- Dispel the myths and the misinformation spread by those who vilify cats and try to ban TNR
- Stop those who want to kill cats "by any means necessary" (their words not ours)

From the Desk of Louise Holton

In our Guide to Managing Community Cats I wrote in the Acknowledgements section that I wanted to thank the people who helped me get Alley Cat Rescue off the ground and help keep it running to save the lives of cats and to treat outdoor community cats with effective and humane methods. The cat community wants to control the numbers of outdoor cats, but we want to use nonlethal control which does work. In the book I said: “Without them (our donors and members) I would not have the necessary means to continue to help and rescue cats.” That statement came from my heart and is so very true. For without YOU ALL none of this could be possible. This is not a “job” to me. It is a passion and a sincere commitment. I have been working to help animals for nearly 30 years. Cats seem to have chosen me to be their advocate. Cats may be America’s favorite companion animal but sadly are still considered by many to be nothing more than a pest and vermin. In a new book this year the authors called for the removal of cats “by any means necessary.” The news is not all bad! All it means is that we have to be ever vigilant and stay on top of any plans that may suggest the wholesale slaughter of cats.



Louise Holton
President and Founder

Our Member Survey

One of ACR’s most important tasks in 2016 was to ask our members to rank our programs in order of importance. Here are the results:

ACR PROGRAM	How Members ranked the programs
Hands-on Rescue and Adoption	1
Advocacy	3
Saving kittens	6
TNR—trap-neuter-return feral cats	8
National Feral Spay Day –getting vets involved	4
Guide to Managing Community Cats to the authorities	9
Work with shelters –reduce euthanasia	10
Cheap Fix Clinic	7
International Programs	5
Save African Wildcat from extinction	2

We will be continuing in 2017 with these programs and are so grateful to those who participated!

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

Meet Our Team

THE DEDICATED STAFF OF ALLEY CAT RESCUE

Denise Hilton, *Director of Operations*
Matt Carl, *Associate Director of Communications*
Fern Williams, *Administrator*
Tom Ragusa, *Finance Associate*
Cheryl Noll, *Volunteer Colony Caretaker*

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Denise loads up a carrier during a rescue operation.



ACR team members deliver cats to the Vet Clinic to be spayed and neutered.

Did You Know?

A group of cats is called a clowder, a male cat is called a tom, a female cat is called a molly or queen while young cats are called kittens.

Donate a car for cats!



Alley Cat Rescue is constantly on the move, whether it's for a TNR effort, transporting cats to the Vet, or simply running to the store to pick up supplies. We've logged many many miles on our current go-to cat transport vehicle over the years. Sadly its days are coming to an end and we are in need of a replacement.

If you have a used vehicle, preferably a van or large SUV, that you would like to donate please contact us. Not only is your donation tax deductible but you will have the peace of mind knowing that your old vehicle is being used to save cat's lives.

ACR 2016 Accomplishments

2016 was a busy year for us here at Alley Cat Rescue. In addition to our regular TNR efforts and adoptions here are just a few highlights from what we've been up to in the past year.

- Started a Cheap Fix Clinic that provides free spay and neuter services to residents living in our area. Rabies vaccines and microchips as included as well.

- We trained Animal Control Officers in Vance County NC and Mercer County WV. All aspects of managing feral cat colonies were demonstrated as well as proper trapping techniques by taking ACO's along for a day of trapping/neutering/and returning. We held a community workshop for local residents in each state, and provided educational materials and our community cat handbooks to all.

- We did a workshop for 50 UMD Pre-Veterinary students providing them with information and education on shelter medicine, running a rescue, and feral cat care.

- We participated in job skills training programs with visually impaired students from Ardmore Enterprises and hearing impaired students from Gallaudet University. These students routinely volunteer at our headquarters and provide excellent care for our rescue cats.

- We rescued and relocated multiple ear tipped cats (community cats who have been TNR'd) from Prince Georges County shelter preventing them from being euthanized.

- Our West Coast operation in California has been ramping up its adoption efforts and TNR efforts. We also pulled many kitties and several dogs from local shelters in CA.



Two rescue kittens at ACR headquarters awaiting adoption into a loving forever home.

- We attended and exhibited at the Los Angeles and Baltimore Veg Fests.
- Cared for 50 cats that were rescued from a neglected home. We removed the 50 kitties from the property, transported them to our facility, had them vetted, and either placed them in forever homes or relocated to sanctuaries.
- 9 boxes containing approximately 30 cats (Nursing mothers and kittens) were dumped in the rain at a nearby shelter. We helped to facilitate the rescue of all of them (We coordinated with a couple of local rescues and with many ACR volunteers to get them in temporary homes and eventually all vetted and adopted).
- Over 1,000 veterinarians have joined our May Spay challenge and have sterilized over 25,000 cats in the 4 countries and 45 US states participating.
- We exhibited and attended Best Friends National Conference in Utah.
- We attended Blog Paws/Cat Writers conference and received a Muse Medallion for our newsletter and awards for our handbook, Alley Cat Rescue's Guide To Managing Community Cats, and one of our articles.

- Alley Cat Rescue was featured in a UK Cat Magazine.

- Our "A Guide to Managing Feral Cats" received a rave review in Animal Sheltering!



An ACR team member baiting traps as part of one of our TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) efforts.

Financial Report

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SUPPORT & REVENUE

Contributions.....\$1,460,427
Adoption fees.....\$1890
Other income.....\$86,356

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Publications.....\$193,499
Promoting Spay/Neuter.....\$380,065
Education & Public Relations.....\$224,464
Adoptions & Colony Management...\$274,813
National Cat Support.....\$132,442
Spay/Neuter (Overpopulation Prevention)..... \$266,715

Your support helps us to continue our mission of helping cats.

Here are just a few of the many cats we've helped this past year.



The Gordy family with their newly adopted cat, Blizzard.



Dory is a kitten whom we found living under a car while conducting a TNR effort. ACR has since found her a loving forever home.



Patricia poses with her new cat, Silver, whom she adopted after we caught him as part of a TNR effort near her home.



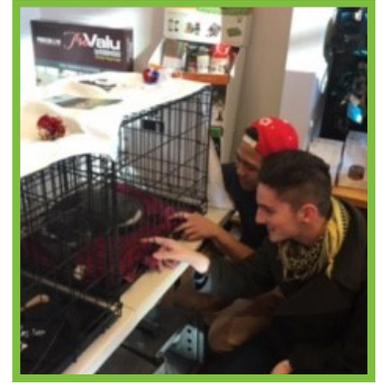
One of the many cats ACR helped rescue from inhumane living conditions that we provided veterinary care for.



Just a few of the many cats who are currently residing at Alley Cat Rescue Headquarters.



Randall poses with his cat, Jazzy, whom he brought in to participate in our spay/neuter program.



Prospective cat adopters check out our selection of rescue cats at an adoption event we hosted.



Last June we found several boxes containing approximately 30 cats that had been dumped in the rain. ACR has worked hard providing proper care to many of these cats and finding them loving homes.



Claire poses with 2 of the rescue cats, Sapphire and Mai Mai, that she adopted from ACR.

Two of the cats who were rescued after being dumped off in a storage container (see above pic). Both cats have since been adopted out to loving homes.



One of the numerous presentations that ACR has given promoting the benefits of TNR.

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

Show Your Support for Cats!



was \$10
now \$5.50

Grocery Tote Bag

Save plastic & trees with our eco-friendly shopping bag.



was \$10
now \$8

Metal Water Bottle

Save plastic & help birds when you order our reusable water bottle.



was \$15.99
now \$10.99

ACR's "How-To" Guide

"This is the purrfect, comprehensive resource for anyone interested in helping homeless cats. I wish I'd had it when I started caring for my colony twenty-one years ago." - Amazon Review



was \$30
now \$20

"TNR is the Cat's Meow" Navy Blue Hooded Sweatshirt

Sizes: M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.



was \$20
now \$16

"Cat Face" Grey or White T-shirt

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.



was \$20
now \$15

"Alley Cat Rescue" Black Long-Sleeve Shirt

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.

Visit our online store at SaveACat.org/shop for a complete list of merchandise. All sales benefit community cats.

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Name _____ Order Total \$ _____

Address _____

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ITEM	PRICE	SIZE (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)	No. of Items	Total
Grocery Bag (white)	\$5.50	N/A		\$
Water Bottle (teal)	\$8	N/A		\$
ACR's Guide to Managing Community Cats (book)	\$10.99	N/A		\$
"TNR is the Cat's Meow" Navy Blue Hooded Sweatshirt	\$20			\$
"Cat Face" T-shirt (specify grey or white)	\$16			\$
"Alley Cat Rescue" Black Long-Sleeve Shirt	\$15			\$
			Sub total	\$
Maryland residents ONLY please remember to add the appropriate sales tax.			Sales tax (6%)	+
There is a flat shipping rate of \$7.00 for ALL purchases.			Shipping	+\$7.00
All donations are tax-deductible.			Donation	+
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RETURN COMPLETED ORDER FORM TO ALLEY CAT RESCUE, PO BOX 585, MT RAINIER, MD 20712.



Cart full of cats in transport to the Veterinary Clinic as part of our regular spay/neuter program.

Cheap Fix Clinic Saves Lives

Each year 2.4 million healthy and adoptable animals are euthanized in shelters. Every 13 seconds, an animal who would have been a loving and loyal companion loses her life, often because the resources needed to care for her and find her a home simply aren't available.

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.

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!

Over the last 20 years ACR has been spaying and neutering cats in the Washington, DC Metro area. During that time, we have sterilized around 40,000 cats. ***Please consider making a tax-deductible donation so that we can continue to offer these life-saving services and reach more cats in need.***



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