

Alley Cat Advocates



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Message from our President

Did you know . . .

- We performed our first surgeries in October 2000, altering a total of 15 cats that month.
- Our first BIG FIX was in April 2001. We altered 25 cats at that BIG FIX.
- At each BIG FIX, we currently use an average of 6 volunteer veterinarians and 70 other volunteers to alter an average of 140 cats.
- After each BIG FIX, we care for an average of 10 cats that need some basic, simple medical care before being returned to their colonies.
- We use an average of 9 trained volunteer trappers at each BIG FIX to help trap for caretakers who are disabled or elderly.
- We perform amputations, remove eyes and tails, patch up wounds, and shave mats of those kitties going through our BIG FIX who need that kind of care.
- Through our Quick Fix program, we alter an average of 25 cats per month.
- We board cats both the night before and the night after their surgeries for both the Quick Fix and the BIG FIX program.
- We hold volunteer orientations every other month for people who want to learn more about what we do and sign up to help.
- We distribute a *Volunteer Gazette* six times a year to volunteers to keep them up-to-date on activities of the group. The *Volunteer Gazette* is mounted on our website as well.
- We refer callers whose needs don't match our services to other groups in the community and, likewise, receive referrals from other groups when we can help.
- We altered our 10,106th cat in March 2007.

You are Guilty—

of helping us reach the goal of 10,000 unowned cats spayed and neutered. Watch for pictures of the lucky boy kitty and the wild (cat) celebration in the next newsletter!

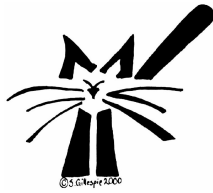
BIG FIX SCHEDULE

One weekend per month by appointment Call 502-634-8777 for schedule and details.

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Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

TIP'S TIP

It's Spring time!
 Aren't you just dying to give those mama cats some milk to lap up? Please don't! Most cats love cow's milk. Most also get very bad diarrhea from it. Not something any cat does well with and especially not nursing moms! Water is less expensive and much, much better for them!



Thanks!

The staffs at Crestwood Animal Hospital, Fairleigh Pet Center on Bardstown Road, and Jefferson Animal Hospital
 Drs. Chris Albert, Denise Bevins, Leslie Brown, Tonya Cooksey, Marie Gagnon, Rusty Gailor, Kerri Garitty, Teresa Gregory, Luanne Jensen, Pat Kennedy, Stephanie Pollett, Laurelee Rubsch, Alexis Wallace, and Pam Williams for donating their veterinary services for our BIG FIXes and beyond
 Bluegrass.net for hosting our website
 Jason Jacobson of JSJ web.com for help maintaining our website
 Ron Reinstedler of Graphic Design of Louisville for printing services

Gifts in Honor of

Jane Harper, our cat sitter, by Adele Vinsel

Gifts in Memory of

Cali, 10+ years old—we enjoyed her and loved her so much even though we couldn't touch her, by Phyllis Genton

Clara, Karen and Hoyt Little's beloved first cat, by Gary and Mary Dean

Crockett, your girlfriend Galaxy misses you, by Karen and Hoyt Little

Granny, Neal Nixon's elderly girl kitty, by Karen Little

Irvin E. Vest, lover of cats and dogs, by nieces Janet, Linda, and Kim Davis

Matthew and Midge, kitties of Karen and Hoyt Little, by Lauren Kehr



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Mission
 To provide for the humane treatment of unowned cats by directing a safe, high-volume, cost effective Trap-Neuter-Return program

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Alley Cat Advocates honors your privacy. We neither give, sell, nor loan our mailing list to anyone.

We are always looking for assistance in a variety of different ways. If you are interested in supporting our cause at Alley Cat Advocates, please be sure to mark one of the adjacent boxes, include your name, phone number and address, then return it to us at:

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I would like to support Alley Cat Advocates . . .

- I would like to serve ACA as a volunteer. Please contact me so that I may learn more about the ways I can help.
- I would like to support the Billie Emergency Fund, helping cats who, in addition to their spay or neuter, need further live-saving medical care, with the tax deductible donation noted below.
- I believe in your cause and would like to make the following tax deductible donation.

\$10 \$25 \$50 Other

Name _____ Phone # _____
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Gifts in Memory of

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Matthew, little old man, by Karen and Hoyt Little

Max, beloved friend of the Braden family, by Barbara Bentley

Midge (aka Daisy), we loved you, brittle bones and all!, by Karen and Hoyt Little

Old Man River, beloved cat of Beth Franke, by Alley Cat Advocates volunteers

Precious—she will live in the hearts of her caretakers Renate W. and Mike C, forever, by Jean Gawarecki

Susan Vuturo's pets, by Janice Stevens

Victor, dear cat of Neal Nixon, by Melissa Laning

Victor, Neal Nixon's loved cat, by Elizabeth Smigielski

Whisper and Freckles and the other special ones from the "Positive Room" who have gone on ahead of them and I'm sure were waiting to greet them, by Jackie Pierce

Mr. Wise's boy kitty with the wounded leg, by Alley Cat Advocates volunteers

Ever shop online?

Now you can shop online AND donate to Alley Cat Advocates at the same time! Without increasing the cost of your order, if you register at www.igive.com, any of over 600 merchants will give a percent of your purchase to Alley Cat Advocates. (Barnes and Noble, Drs. Foster and Smith, JCPenney, PetSmart, Target, and more are included!) Check it out. It is easy to set up and then donating happens automatically. Check it out!

Want to help without donating money???

Try volunteering!

With as little as 3 hours a month you can help dramatically improve a huge number of cats' lives. Call us at 502-634-8777 or e-mail us at contactus@alleycatadvocates.org to learn the time and location of our next Volunteer Orientation. You'll be amazed at what it will do for you, as well!

Money for the Kitties!

Once again, we're happy to be awarded a \$2000 grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture with funds provided by the Kentucky Spay/Neuter license plates. This money will help us continue to provide Quick Fix surgeries at the cost of \$40 per cat. Without help such as this we would not be able to provide that option to caretakers at that price.

If you don't yet have a Spay/Neuter license plate, call your county clerk for simple information on how to get one. And help us get money for the kitties!!!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Alley Cat Advocates' volunteer Beth Snider, winner of the 2007 Pet Groups United Trooper Award. The award is given to honor those serving the animal community through their volunteer efforts. Beth is the third Alley Cat Advocates volunteer to win recognition by Pet Groups United, a clear indication of the dedication and hard work of those working on behalf of the unowned cats in our community! Keep it up, everyone!

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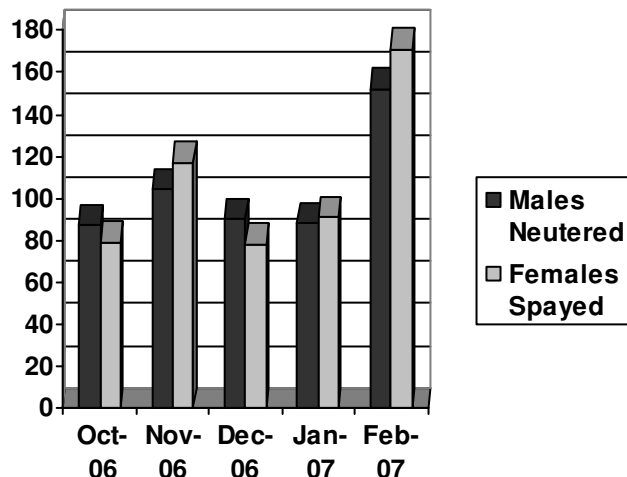
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We're on the web!
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Charting Our Progress



We're looking good! We held two BIG FIXes in February to try to prevent bunches of litters of kittens being born late this Spring. Seems to have worked! 171 females were altered in February along with 152 males!

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