

Humane News

News for the friends and supporters of Alley Cat Advocates



Kitten Season!

It doesn't get much better than this.

This is Momma Cat, resting with her sleeping kittens. She was spayed at the Community Cat Complex the day before this picture was taken. I'm not sure who is luckier — Momma Cat, her kittens, or all of us (including you!) who played a role in this picture of contentment. And, all of us — human and feline — can now celebrate that this is her last litter of kittens!

Momma Cat comes to the Community Cat Complex the night before surgery with her kittens. They rest comfortably together that evening, nursing, sleeping, and playing. On the morning of her spay, Momma is carefully

taken to the room down the hall for her life-changing surgery. But the kittens, oh, they are lucky, too!

The kittens are bottle-fed throughout the day or maybe introduced to canned kitten food. They are dewormed, given flea preventative, and, if old enough, are given an FVRCP vaccination, the first of their kitten shots. If any medical ailments are discovered, they are addressed at this time.

In the evening, after mom is fully awake after her surgery and after she's had a bite to eat, she is reunited with her kittens. And, yes, this happy picture is replicated again and again throughout the spring and summer kitten season!

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MISSION

To provide for the humane treatment of unowned cats in our region by directing a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program in the safest, most efficient and cost effective way possible.

VISION

Making Louisville the safest city in the country to be a community cat.



Kitten Season! *cover continued*



Momma Cat and her kittens go home together the evening after surgery to be watched over by their caretaker. And we will reach back to that loving caretaker in a few weeks to provide spay/neuter surgeries for those adorable kittens; kittens who already have a head start in having a great life because of the treatments they received on Momma's spay day.

We could not provide this level of care for these mommas and their kittens without your support.

If these pictures made you smile, please consider supporting our work by donating at alleycatadvocates.org/make-a-donation or mail your donation to the address at the bottom of the cover.

For the cats (and kittens!),

Karen Little
Executive Director

Giving Made Easy

Did you know that Kroger donates almost \$20,000 a year to Alley Cat Advocates? This is because of awesome people, like you, who have enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

If you aren't already enrolled, it is easy.

Visit: Kroger.com/communityrewards

Link your Card: Select Alley Cat Advocates (QL501) as your charity
Shop: Swipe your Kroger Plus Card every time you shop.

If you are already enrolled, thank you! Keep shopping!

Would you please help even more by helping a friend or two enroll? It is, after all, giving made easy!





The Story of Orange Crush

Hi, my name is Orange Crush, and I have a story to tell! It is about Nice Lady, New Person, and my friends at Alley Cat Advocates and Metro Animal Services.

Earlier this spring, I was a big, strong, boy cat, fighting for girls, yelling and screaming at the other boy cats, and spraying my territory really, really well. One could certainly tell I was around — by the smell! It was my territory and mine alone! There was Nice Lady who put out food and water for me. I cared about that every once in a while. But mostly I was interested in the girls.

Thank you, Alley Cat Advocates, for making me the good citizen cat I am today. I'm happy to have Nice Lady and New Person to watch over me.

Then along came this metal cage thing and me, like a fool, going in it. Then the cage thing and I went to this “Community Cat Complex” (whatever that is — something about spaying and neutering by this group called Alley Cat Advocates who seemed nice, but not as nice as Nice Lady . . .). And then I came home a little sore on my back end. Nice Lady still fed me, which was great because I was no longer interested in girls. That was weird, but ok as I also didn't feel very interested in fighting or spraying. I think Nice Lady

likes me lots. She talks to me and all that.

Then New Person moved in across the street. I watched and he seemed nice. Then one day New Person put a cage out like Nice Lady had done. I was curious and decided to check it out. Oops. I was trapped. Then the cage thing and I went to this “shelter” place. Boy, that was different. Lots of smells. And noise. And I was terrified. Nice people were there but I felt this sense of dread — UNTIL . . .

One of the nice people at this Metro Animal Services place noticed I had an “ear-tip.” I don't know what that is, and since I can't see my ear . . . Well, apparently those Alley Cat Advocates people who made my back end sore, also trimmed off the point on one of my ears — a “badge of honor,” I'm told. The Metro Animal Services people then knew what had happened to me! They contacted Nice Lady who was SO happy to hear I was ok. Then Nice Lady and New Person talked. Apparently New Person didn't know that I was a nice kitty who didn't bother the girls, didn't fight the boys, didn't spray, didn't make more kittens for the neighborhood, AND have Nice Lady who feeds me. Now that New Person knows what my “badge of honor” ear tip means, he's very happy to have me back home, keeping watch over the neighborhood.

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A Lifetime of Giving and More



“When I die, the cat gets everything!” is a popular slogan on tee shirts and we all laugh. But in today’s world, the reality is that community cats will continue to need our help. And that requires commitment. At Alley Cat Advocates, we might laugh, but we are completely serious when we ask that as you remember your family — two and four legged — in your will, that you consider these amazing community cats as well.

The process is easy thanks to our partners at FreeWill. FreeWill allows you to create a free, legal will online. It even includes an option to make a plan for your pets so that you can relax knowing they are always cared for. If you already have a will or would rather work with an attorney to create yours, FreeWill helps with that, too.

Go to www.freewill.com/alleycatadvocates to see how simple it can be.



If you are looking for ways to give in the present, FreeWill also has a simple tool that helps with donations of stock and also of donations of “qualified charitable donations,” more frequently know as IRA Charitable Rollovers, which are a savvy way for individuals age 70½ or older to use your IRA to maximize your charitable impact.

Go to www.freewill.com/stocks/alleycatadvocates for a simple way to donate stocks.

Go to www.freewill.com/qcd/alleycatadvocates for assistance with your IRA Charitable Rollover option.

And, as you can imagine, the cats thank you for your support with grateful purrs!

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THE IMPACT WE MAKE TOGETHER



125

Community cats annually receiving medical care such as dental work



50,000+

Community cats spayed or neutered throughout our region



Over 7,000

Calls for assistance responded to annually



To learn more about how you can help community cats in Kentuckiana, please visit alleycatadvocates.org

