

Beckoning Cat Project
Low Cost Spay/Neuter & Wellness Clinic

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Beckoning Cat Mews Spring/Summer 2017

11,500 Cats have now been spayed or neutered!!!!!!!!!!!!

In 2016 Dr. Welch in our Williamsport clinic spayed or neutered 3821 cats. We were also able to do 283 cats at our Northumberland clinic during its short time in operation. Since opening the clinic in Jan. 2014 over 11,500 cats have been spayed or neutered. Just imagine the long term positive impact this will have on the community, as well as, for the cat's wellbeing. We are humbled that the kind and compassionate residents of our community have come to embrace the humane option available to them to help control the cat population. Thank you to everyone, especially our wonderful staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RAISE THE REGION!!! March 8 and 9, 2017

Please remember to visit Raisetheregion.org and make a donation to Beckoning Cat Project. Follow our Facebook page to find out what prizes we will be trying to win. This is a huge fundraising opportunity for organizations like ours and we really appreciate all of our supporters who have donated in the past.

GIVE A LITTLE BIT TRAIL COMPETITION JUNE 3, 2017

We will be holding a Trail Obstacle Competition at Elysian Fields Equestrian Center, 1345 Tallman Hollow Road, Montoursville as a fundraiser for the clinic. If you would like more info or an entry, please either visit our Give A Little Bit Facebook page or email clinic@beckoningcatproject.org. We are also looking for vendors (can be commercial or you can sell your tack) and volunteers.

CLASSES AT STORE NEXT DOOR

Art classes with Amanda Emig on Mondays from 2-4 at Store Next Door. These are for beginners through advanced. Attend weekly or monthly and supplies are included.

Crochet class with Lisa Ensinger is the first Tuesday of the month from 11-12:30. This is for any level. She will be happy to add weekly classes if people are interested in more regular instruction.

A portion of the proceeds from the classes benefits our spay/neuter clinic.

Please contact Kerry at 570-505-1473 for more info.

Please check out our new website created by the students at Penn College under the guidance of their instructor, Ms. Leete: www.storenextdooronline You can now purchase many of the items that are in the store with the click of a button.

WISH LIST

pee pads	paper towels	toilet paper	copy paper
towels	flat sheets	dry cat food	cat litter
stamps	canned cat food (pate)	dryer sheets	bleach
file folders	laundry detergent	Gift cards to Staples/Petsmart	

We have a wish list on Amazon and if you shop through Amazon Smile Program, Beckoning Cat Project will get a donation from Amazon. Thanks to all who already use this program.

TRAPPING TIPS FOR TNR (TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN)

Have a routine feeding schedule (ex. 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.)

Trap in the morning if you don't want to catch opossum, etc.-also, never leave a trap unattended overnight. If you haven't caught the cat by bedtime-try again another time.

The night before you plan to trap feed very little food. You want them hungry in the morning.

The morning of trapping put a small amount of some good smelly bait in the trap (sardines, mackerel) If you don't regularly feed canned cat food you can try that too. You just have to experiment.

When the cat springs the trap be sure to cover the trap immediately. This will help calm the cat. Do not let the cat out once trapped. Be sure the trap door is secured- you may need to zip tie it shut if you fear it may get out.

After surgery you should keep the cat in an enclosed location (shed, garage, feed room) overnight at least. They should not be kept in the trap for extended periods as this is too stressful on the cat. Cats cannot regulate their body temperature after surgery so they must be kept somewhere warm overnight during the winter.

CAT FACTS:

- Cats can become sexually mature at 4 months. We have seen pregnant five month old kittens.
- The Egyptian word for cat is Mau.
- A cat with multiple toes is called a polydactyl. Hemingway House in Key West, FL has a large colony of polydactyl cats.
- Two cats and their offspring can produce over 2 million cats in 8 years.
- Cats can jump six times their body length.
- Never use "sol" products (Lysol, Pine-sol) when cleaning. They are highly toxic to cats and they can ingest it by licking their paws.
- The technical term for a cat's hairball is a bezoar.

PARASITES:

Cats are host to many parasites. Some of the most common are:

Fleas can be found on inside and outside cats. Everyone thinks that because their cat is inside it can't have them, but they come in on you and through screens/doors. Monthly prevention with a safe product is the only way to be totally flea free. Advantage and Frontline are the only safe and effective over the counter treatments. We recommend Revolution, but it is only available through a vet.

Ear mites are blood sucking parasites of the ear that left untreated cause extreme discomfort, intense itching, self-mutilation and eventually deafness. These are transmittable from pet to pet and humans can get them too. Yuck! Over the counter products and home remedies are not effective and many are not safe. Revolution is the safest and easiest treatment.

Round worms are internal parasites that look like spaghetti. Left untreated these parasites can lead to death, especially in kittens.

Tapeworms come from fleas and look like little pieces of rice around the butt. These cannot be transmitted from pet to pet or you as they come from eating fleas. They are not dangerous to the cat, but have a real YUCK factor if they are inside cats sitting on your lap. Drontal is used to treat tapeworms. Again, move over the counter treatments don't work and may be unsafe.

Diarrhea and blood in the stool are common symptoms of parasites as well as an unthrifty looking cat (thin, poor coat). There are other parasites in addition to the ones mentioned and all have a different course of treatment. These symptoms can be caused by other conditions as well so when in doubt a stool sample should be taken to your full service vet for analysis so an effective treatment can be prescribed. Bottom line is that all parasites should be treated to keep your cat healthy and happy.

Other Low Cost Programs

1. Lycoming County SPCA-Low income spay/neuter voucher for household incomes less than \$35,000.00. There are different co-payments based on the exact income. This is for cats and dogs. Please check their website for more information or contact the SPCA. [570-322-4646] [www.lycomingspca.org]
2. Clinton County TNR Program- Assistance may be available for feral and barn cats to be spayed/neutered. Call Clinton County SPCA at 570-748-4756 and ask specifically for info about the TNR program. Funding is limited and you must live in Clinton County.
3. SUN Pets- 866-472-7387 Services for Snyder, Union and Northumberland Counties. They have a voucher assistance low income program for households with income less than \$35,000.00 a year. This is for dogs and cats. You must contact SUN Pets or go online for an application and more information.
www.sunpets.org
4. Animal Care Sanctuary, locations in Wellsboro and E. Smithfield operates a low cost spay/neuter clinic for dogs and cats. Wellsboro 570-724-3975 or E. Smithfield 570-595-2270.
5. PA Pets offers a low income program for residents of Montour and Columbia Counties. They also have occasional feral cat spay/neuter clinics. For more information visit Pennsylvaniapets.org

Remember, if you feed a stray, be sure to spay that stray!

