

**Beckoning Cat Project
Low Cost Spay/Neuter & Wellness Clinic**

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Beckoning Cat Mews Winter/Spring 2018

Over **15,000** Cats have now been spayed or neutered!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our 2018 Give a Little Trail Obstacle competition fundraiser will be held June 8-10 at Misty Spring Stables in Ringtown, PA. Please follow our Facebook page for Beckoning Cat Project or Give a Little Bit for updates.

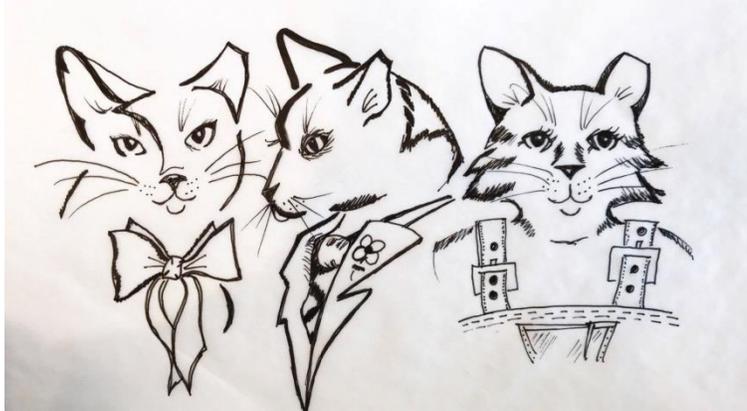
Thanks to the Petco Foundation and their life saving mission we have been able to spay or neuter over 80 stray/feral cats to date at no cost to their caregivers. Many also had severe upper respiratory infections and other conditions we were able to treat. #PetcoFoundation.

Pet Pantry of Lycoming County was started by a local group of volunteers who wanted to assist people in need with pet food. The program was adopted by Animal Care Sanctuary and we agreed to be the local distribution location. Several fund raisers were recently held, including Cats on Mats yoga, which everyone seemed to enjoy, including the cats. If you need cat or dog food please stop by Wednesdays from 10-2. Bring proof that your pet(s) is spayed or neutered.

Raise the Region will be held March 14th and 15th. This is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year. There are many special contests throughout the event where we can win extra money, as well as stretching funds provided. If all of our followers could donate just the minimum we would be able to fund so many TNR projects for those in need. Please consider donating during the event if possible.

WORKING CAT PROGRAM

*A joint program of
Lycoming County SPCA
and
Beckoning Cat Project*



You may or may not be aware that cat overpopulation is a huge problem in Lycoming County, as well as, just about everywhere else in the country. Shelters and rescues are continually at full capacity with cats and usually have additional foster homes to house the overflow until adoption.

In addition to the basic socialized house cat, which is still hard to rehome, there are many cats that do not present well to potential adopters because of the stress of being caged or because they are just shy.

There is also an entire legion of stray, feral and semi-feral cats. By definition, a feral cat is unsocialized and does not want much interaction with people. However, many, but not all, can be socialized with some attention and work. The problem is that feral and semi-feral cats cannot be housed in shelters and are basically unadoptable through normal methods.

What we are hoping to do with this program is introduce hard to place cats into alternative homes, such as warehouses, feed mills, garages, shops, beer distributors, farms and even offices; as some cats need to be an only cat.

Cats are wonderful for rodent control, employee morale and public relations (Disney World has a feral colony for rodent control). Even people with feral cats that can never be touched become very attached to them. Ferals are great for an environment where you don't really want a lot of human interaction with them, but still want rodent control.

Friendly strays or semi-ferals are great in a more people friendly environment (farms, garages, shops etc.). Cats with Feline leukemia, shy ones or cats that can't be adopted with other pets would do great in an office. The potential alternative homes are only limited by your imagination.

The only requirements are that the cat(s) must have access to shelter, food and water and receive medical care when needed. Even cats for rodent control still must be fed. They kill for fun, not for nourishment, trust me. All cats will be spayed or neutered and will be current on vaccines.

If you would be interested in learning more about the program or would like to sign up to be one of our working cat friendly businesses, please contact Jen or Kelli at the Lycoming County SPCA, 570-322-4646 or Kerry at Beckoning Cat Project, 570-505-1473.

CAT FACTS:

- Manx cats have either no tail at all or a small stump for a tail.
- Cats can reach speeds of up to 31 mph for short distances.
- Lilies, pointsettias and many other popular plants are toxic to cats.
- Essential oils can be toxic to cats. They should not be exposed to them either in liquid form or through diffusers as their livers cannot metabolize them. Also, many of the bases of the oils, such as eucalyptus are highly toxic to cats.
- Cats have powerful night vision, allowing them to see at light levels six times lower than what a human needs in order to see.
- Cats also have excellent hearing and a powerful sense of smell, even more sensitive than a dog's.
- When cats (or other mammals) "grimace" it is called flehmen and is basically the cat taste scenting the air.
- The Hemingway cats are mostly polydactyl (have extra toes) and still reside at the author's former home in Key West, FL.

We will again be offering our Snip and Tip program this March and April. For \$45 your male feral or stray cat will be neutered, receive a rabies vaccine and a dose of Revolution (treats fleas, ear mites, round worms and hook worms.) The cat will receive an ear tip, no exceptions. The regular price is \$62 for those services. Appointments are not required unless you want to bring more than one cat. Otherwise, you can bring one per day without an appointment, Monday through Friday as long as the cat is here between 7:30-9 a.m.

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 the Amazon Smile Project and designate us as your charity we will receive a donation. It doesn't cost you anything. Thank you to all who already use this program.

Please follow us on Facebook for regular updates. You can also get more info or schedule an appointment at www.beckoningcatproject.org



Store Next Door

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Have you stopped by our consignment fundraising store yet or visited the website www.storenextdooronline.com?

If you haven't you are missing out on lots of cool items crafted by our local artisans. A minimum of 20 percent of the sales are donated directly to our low cost spay/neuter clinic.

We have everything from crocheted coasters to canvas nature prints to furniture and everything in between. Remember when you shop at the store you are both supporting the clinic and our local artists.

