



## May/June 2010

ACA Hotline 634-8777 Big Fix #: 599-6833

### May

2 Trapper Training  
6 Vol Orientation  
8 Trapper training  
12 Neighborhoods mtg  
14-17 Big Fix  
23-24 BF trap return  
23 Phone screener training  
27 personnel team mtg

### June:

3 Vol Orientation  
7 Trapper training  
11-14 Big Fix  
20-21 BF trap return  
23 Neighborhoods mtg  
26 Up Highlands Fest.

**Summer days anything but lazy.** ACA is busier than ever. The Neighborhoods program is quickly taking off, sometimes altering 20 cats a week at the Downtown Animal Hospital. There are lots of opportunities to help with this program. In addition to fundraising, trapping, and presentations, there are smaller jobs such as checking out traps on Sat morning and placing informational pamphlets on doors. Think you can help? Call the hotline or come the meetings scheduled for May 12 and June 23. We have three educational opportunities (besides the numerous opportunities with the Neighborhoods program). **On April 26, you can spread the word about ACA at Happy Tail Hour. Help kick-off Derby Week on the Great Lawn.** Happy Tail Hour runs from 5-9pm, plus setup and pack-up time. Come spread the word about ACA programs and volunteer opportunities at The Upper Highlands Neighborhood Association Festival. It's at Atherton High School on June 26 from 11am-4pm. ACA is planning to participate in the KY Humane Society's summer camp, giving short presentations to children about the cat overpopulation and how we help through trap-neuter-return. Call the hotline to volunteer for any of these events. Jane Peters is the team leader for outreach and education if you have suggestion for a tabling event.

- **Don't volunteer at the Big Fix? But still want to help?** Don't let cat allergies or weekend work schedules etc. stop you from helping the cats or working with the best volunteer program in town. There are many opportunities to volunteer without working directly with the cats or coming to the Big Fix. If you've lost contact with us, we're sorry. Please contact us again through phone or e-mail ([contactus@alleycatadvocates.org](mailto:contactus@alleycatadvocates.org)). We will make the effort to help you get the most from your volunteer experience.
- **Trapper training is coming up soon! Sunday May 2 at 3pm.** In addition to trapping cats, training also prepares you to transport, distribute traps for the Big Fix, Quick Fix or Neighborhoods program. Interested but not sure? Come to the training and see if this is a good fit for you.
- **Telephone screeners training** is scheduled for Sunday May 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Summer is kitten season and we get lots of calls (sometimes over 200 a month!). Screeners tell callers about our quick fix, big and neighborhoods programs. If we can't help someone, we provide information to get them help. Call the hotline to sign-up or get more information.
- **ACA Neighborhoods meeting is Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.** Karen will provide an update on the program and discuss future plans. This is a great time to find out if you can help with an upcoming aspect of the program. LMAS, an important partner in this Neighborhood program, will have representatives at least one of these meetings. You can always call the hotline for more information.
- **New volunteer orientation** is scheduled for Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Most of our new volunteers hear of us from a friend or family member. Don't forget to get an information card and post it at work, church or other area that gains attention. Available at Big Fixes or by calling the hotline.
- **Want current information about ACA events, statistics and volunteer opportunities?** Check us out on Facebook. Don't forget to add your name as a friend.
- **It takes a lot of money to spay and neuter cats** (while the grant money sounds good, it only supports the grant, not the general funds of ACA!). You can help by monitoring a donation box, bringing old cell phones/blackberries into the Big Fix or dropping them off at our donation box at Highlands Coffee, using your Kroger Cards, using [igive.com](http://igive.com) and [goodsearch.com](http://goodsearch.com), or putting a little extra cash into the pizza fund or donation box at the Big Fix. Join the development action team if are good at organizing fund raising events. Let's work together because without money, cats suffer (maybe even loose their lives)
- **Hot weather is coming!** Don't forget to buy your ACA short sleeve t-shirt or Cat's Meow t-shirt, available at the Big Fix or by contacting the hotline. Also don't forget to bring (and take home) your water bottle!

Alley Cat Advocates...Helping Those Who Can't Help Themselves!

## May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	26 <b>Happy Tails Derby Festival 5pm to 9 pm</b>	27	28	29	30	1
2 <b>Trapper training 3 pm</b>	3	4	5	6 <b>New Volunteer Orientation 7pm</b>	7	8
9	10	11	12 <b>"Neighborhoods" Update/ Volunteer opportunities, 7 pm</b>	13	14 <b>Big Fix set-up and trap pick-up* 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm</b>	15 <b>Big Fix set-up &amp; check in* 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm</b>
16 <b>Big Fix-Clinic * 7 am to 10 pm</b>	17 <b>Big Fix-check out and break down* 4:00-8:30pm</b>	18	19	20	21	22
23 <b>Big Fix- trap return * 5:15 to 8:30 pm Screeners Training 6:30</b>	24 <b>Big Fix- trap return * 5:15 to 8:30 pm,</b>	25	26	27 <b>personnel team mtg 6:30 pm</b>	28	29

## June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3 <b>New volunteer orientation 7 pm</b>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <b>Big Fix set-up and trap pick-up* 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm</b>	12 <b>Big Fix set-up &amp; check in* 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm</b>
13 <b>Big Fix-Clinic * 8 am to 10 pm</b>	14 <b>Big Fix-check out and break down* 4:00-8:30pm</b>	15	16	17	18	19
20 <b>Big Fix- trap return * 5:15 to 8:30 pm</b>	21 <b>Big Fix- trap return * 5:15 to 8:30 pm</b>	22	23 <b>"Neighborhoods" Update/ Volunteer opportunities, 7 pm</b>	24	25	26 <b>Upper Highlands Festival 11 am-4pm</b>
27	28	29	30			

\*At the Raymond Johns Warehouse

Sometimes you have to do the best you can and treasure every life saved...  
But sometimes you get a chance to make a bigger difference!