



Alley Cat Advocates Volunteer Gazette

Dates to remember:

March

7 Volunteer Orientation
8 Trapper training
12-15 Big Fix
21-22 BF trap return
21 Phone screener training

April:

1 Volunteer Orientation
3 Crescent Hill Easter Parade
6 **PETSMART GRANT MTG**
7 Trapper training
9-12 Big Fix
18-19 BF trap return
ACA Hotline 634-8777
Big Fix #: 599-6833

March/April 2010

Alley Cat Neighborhoods

ACA awarded 2-year PetSmart grant!! In collaboration with Metro Animal Services, we will be targeting the 40215 zip code to provide TNR services to 2,000 cats (that's about 50% of the estimated unowned cats in that zip code). The area was chosen because of the high number of LMAS complaint calls, trappings, and drop-offs resulting in the unnecessary euthanasia of unowned cats (most who were actually receiving food, shelter and love). The grant will allow us to educate the residents of this area about the TNR option and assist them with altering their unowned cats. We hope to see a decrease in complaint calls and euthanasia from this zip code. It is an opportunity to make a significant impact in the lives of cats living in this neighborhood and make a powerful statement about TNR in the Louisville area. At this time, altering the grant cats will not take place at the Big Fix; but at Downtown Animal Hospital on weekdays. The procedures for the BF will continue as usual and we will serve anyone from any zip code that calls the hotline and meets the screening criteria. However, we will need more telephone screeners and volunteers for trapping, transport, and for presentations to neighborhood groups to meet the obligations of the grant. We also need people to help distribute traps, build drop traps and cat shelters. Just call the hotline to volunteer!

- ❖ **Want to learn more about the Alley Cat Neighborhoods program funded by the PetSmart grant and how you can help?** Join us on Tuesday, April 6 at 7 pm at the ACA office for an informative meeting.
- ❖ **As mentioned above, we really need more telephone screeners**, people to return one or more phone calls from their home once a week. **Telephone screeners training** is scheduled for Sunday Feb 28th and Sunday March 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Help give caregivers information about the Big Fix or other community resources. Help with the grant screening. Call the hotline for more information. If you cannot attend on the trainings days, additional training times can be arranged.
- ❖ **Trappers are also needed.** Trapper training is scheduled for March 8th and April 7th: 6:30 at the ACA office. You can help on the weekends of Big Fixes or during the week for the grant. Jessica Pitts is heading the trapper training. Call the hotline to sign up or for more information.
- ❖ **New volunteer orientation** is scheduled for Sunday March 7th at 2:00 pm and Thursday April 1st at 7 pm. We are going to need a lot of volunteers during the next two years. Please help by asking your friends to join us.
- ❖ **Sign-up for trap return, it's the Sunday and Monday following the BF 5:15 to 8:30 pm.** If you can match numbers you can do trap return. Sign-up is now available by answering your BF scheduling phone call or e-mail. New to trap return? We will pair experienced volunteers with you. For more information call the hotline or talk to Jane Harper or Lauren Kehr.
- ❖ **If you can keep a momma cat and her nursing kittens in your home for a few weeks** until they are old enough to be fixed, please call the hotline. Training, support, condos are available to help you.
- ❖ **Come walk in the Crescent Hill Easter Parade on Sat. April 3. More info available at the March Big Fix or call the hotline and ask for Lauren Kehr.**

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

March 2010

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 New Volunteer Orientation 2 pm	8 Trapper training 6:30pm	9	10	11	12 Big Fix set-up and trap pick-up*4:00 pm to 10:00 pm	13 Big Fix set-up & check in* 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm
14 Big Fix-Clinic * 8 am to 10 pm	15 Big Fix-check out and break down* 4:00-8:30pm	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

April 2010

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*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