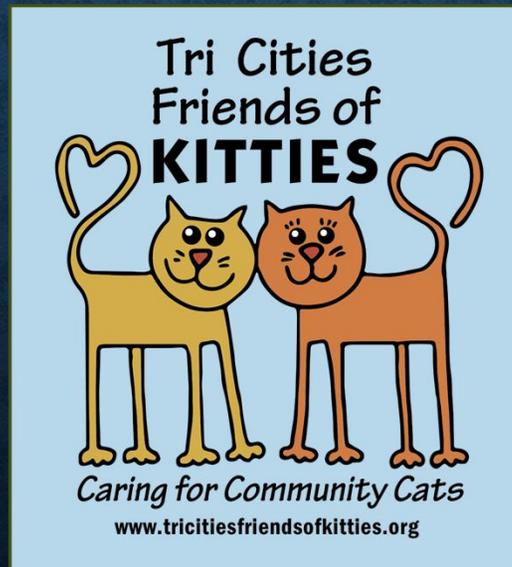


TRAP NEUTER VACCINATE RETURN **MANAGE THE COLONY**

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Serving East Point, College Park and Hapeville, GA





About Tri-Cities Friends of Kitties

- Incorporated 2017, received 501(c)(3)
- Since then, we've TNR'd 1908 cats!
- 472 since January 1, 2025 until 10/10
- We rescued nearly 40 cats from a condemned apartment complex in CP.
- Since July we've found homes for 30 cats from PetSmart at Camp Creek Marketplace.



About Tri-Cities Friends of Kitties

- East Point, College Park and Hapeville cover about 28 square miles, population about 59,000.
- Poverty rates 16%, 20%, 23% for HVL, CP and EP. We ask people to pay/donate if they can.
- We do venture into city of S. Fulton, unincorporated Fulton, Clayton, and south Atlanta. We've even TNRd and relocated kitties from the ATL parking decks!



Our Colonies

- Currently 25 colonies
- Approximately 85 cats are 'regulars'
- We are lucky to have a stable group of volunteers... about 70 ... who cover the 175 'dining events' each week.
- In 2024 we spent about \$12,000 on food for the colonies, about 80¢ per cat per meal.



Colony Management/Communications

- Designate a 'manager' or point person for each colony.
- Create a text group, Messenger group or some method to communicate to the feeders for that colony.
- Feeders seek their own substitutes and alert scheduler.



Colony Management/Scheduling

- Scheduler: one person schedules all colonies for a month.
- Ask all feeders for upcoming schedule variations.
- Post proposed schedule.
- If OK, share and post.
- Never reveal exact locations publicly.



Colony Management/Watching out

- Newcomers eartipped?
- Schedule TNR for intact cats.
- Alert property owner of trapping schedule.
- BOLO sick or injured or unusual behavior for vet care.
- Be aware of strangers.
- Do not feed after dark.



Colony Feeding

- Feeding station needed?
- Disposable plates are OK but pick up.
- Reusable plates/bowls: earth tones.
- WATER! Fresh, clean, available.
- Carry trash bag, antibacterial wipes.
- If possible stick around 30 minutes. If food remains, give less. If gone in 15, maybe add a bit more.



Colony Feeding

- Ants, bugs? Food grade diatomaceous earth. Put bowls/plates in larger container with water as a 'moat.'
- Take bowls/plates home regularly for washing/cleaning. 'Pick up dirties, put down new!'
- Never feed on concrete, asphalt, brick, stone. Teeth get damaged!



Safety, Housekeeping

- If a colony cannot be fed for any reason, they will be fine! Hungry, but fine. Don't beat yourself up.
- Maintain good relations with property owner, neighbors. Take advantage of educational opportunities.
- If someone is harming the cats, alert the authorities, honk horn to scare cats away, move yourself away.



Safety, Cat Comfort

- Depending on your local climate, feeding in a feeding station may be needed.
- Provide shelters for the cats. You'll learn more today!
- Remember: straw for strays! (not hay!)



A not-so-fancy feeding station but it gets the job done!



Nice, clean plates!



Ice chest shelters



*YouTube video
Ice chest shelter*



*YouTube video
Plastic bin shelter*



It's OK to use disposables but please clean up.



Yes, they love food, but they love you, too. You are the highlight of their day.



**And they
become the
bright spot in
your day!**

Thank you for all that you do!



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