County partners with communities to manage feral cat population

Donations welcome to manage feral and stray cats in eastern Arapahoe County

Arapahoe County, CO. – Arapahoe County’s Zoning Division raised more than $2,000 last year to support a grassroots program to spay and neuter feral cats in the eastern portion of the County. Thanks to the generous support of citizens, the funds raised at a bake sale, plant sale and through donations will help to continue the program, which does not use tax dollars for spaying/neutering services.

The Zoning Division launched the Feral Cat Program after zoning inspectors noticed high populations of feral cats in Byers and Strasburg. These non-domesticated cats live without human contact, and local veterinarians confirmed that the populations were growing quickly out of control.

In an effort to manage the population, the County has partnered with Feline Fix for discounted services to spay/neuter feral and stray cats. Cats that are sterilized enjoy a safer and more comfortable existence, free of disruptive mating behaviors such as roaming, fighting, spraying, yowling and giving birth multiple times. Volunteers and staff work to safely and humanely capture the animals and transfer them for services.

To support this effort, Arapahoe County seeks monetary donations to pay for spay and neutering services. Donation cans are located throughout the community at these supporting businesses:

- Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office Sub-Station, 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora
- Byers General Store, 568 U.S. 36 Byers
- Country Burger, 31 W Bijou Ave Byers
- Strasburg Veterinary Clinic, 56151 E Colfax Ave Strasburg
- Western Hardware, 56640 E Colfax Ave Strasburg

Residents interested in getting spay/neutering services for feral cats in their neighborhood can call 720-874-6710. You may also call for assistance for domesticated pets that might otherwise be abandoned due to a move or eviction.

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