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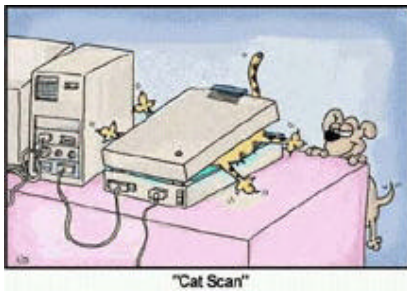


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Progress - slowly, but surely...

Our little program has made great strides since it began in 2002! We now have about 10 good, reliable volunteers. Most of these folks help us by setting up and maintaining discreet feeding stations throughout campus. Although this task might seem minor and trivial, it is actually a very vital and important part of our program!

In order to improve our odds of trapping the campus ferals (whom we TNR - spay or neuter



and vaccinate, then return to campus), it is very helpful to have feeding stations set up so that these cats

develop a routine, and thus, are a little easier to trap.

To date, we have TNR'd 59 campus kitties! We have spayed 30 females and neutered 29 males. This translates to roughly 180-450 kittens that HAVEN'T been born due to our efforts. Additionally, we have found homes for ten feral kittens and four adult kitties who were, apparently, dumped here on campus.

We now have permission to set up feeding stations in the Student Housing areas. If you live in Student Housing and would like to help us by setting up and maintaining a feeding station, please contact us! We would especially like to hear from folks who have backyards and would be willing to place a feeding station in their yard.

Emma's Story...

Emma was found, near death, in the Pan Am parking lot on a hot summer day. She was only a few weeks old. We rushed her to the vet, but her prognosis was uncertain. She was very weak, and her eyes were malformed and infected. We weren't even sure she could see.

It soon became apparent that Emma would survive, but her eyes were still of great concern, so we took her to the Eye Care for Animals Clinic in Albuquerque, where a surgeon performed an eyelid graft on one of her eyes. Today, she is a feisty, sweet girl with great vision! She lives with Kathy Billing, our Director.

Our Financials (10/03 - 3/04)...

Income (aluminum & printer cartridge redemptions, yardsale proceeds, plus some cash donations): \$2687.65

Expenses:

Vet expenses:	\$2683.12
Bank charges:	\$62.40
Miscellaneous (PO Box rental, yardsale supplies & ads, etc.)	\$216.30

SNAP Van Visit

FCaMP hosted the Houston Spay & Neuter Awareness Program (SNAP) Van on the campus in early January, providing low-cost spay and neuter services to FCaMP, as well as NMSU students, faculty and staff. In addition to 13 campus ferals, the van spayed or neutered 82 companion dogs and cats.

We are hoping that the van will make a return visit to the campus next January. If it does, our Fall newsletter will provide more details, so stay tuned!

Looking Ahead...

Our May yardsale is just around the corner! If you have items that you would like to donate, please call 639-3036, 646-1432 or send e-mail to fcamp@nmsu.edu. We accept most items, with the exception of adult clothing. Also, we accept aluminum cans and original vendor (no retoners or "generics") laser toner and inkjet printer cartridges. If you contact us, we will pick up these items.

We have a website: www.nmsu.edu/~fcamp. We try to keep this site updated, and also list adoptable kitties here, so if you're looking for a feline companion, check out the website!