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Program Progress...

The FCaMP program has continued to evolve. We have a good, solid team of volunteers who maintain feeding stations around campus, help with trapping, or whatever else is needed to keep the program going.

We have created a database to do trending and analysis of our program. The database will help us to keep better statistics on our ferals, such as average age, location where trapped, and associated vet costs. We also have begun to microchip our ferals, and this data is included in the database.

Microchipping is an additional expense, but we feel that it is necessary in order to keep better track of the cats. When a "chipped" cat is trapped, a portable scanner is used to read the microchip number. We then look up the number in our database to determine if revaccinations or other medical services are needed.

Did You Know? ...

A male and a female cat and their offspring can produce 420,000 cats in seven years!! A male and a female dog can become 67,000 dogs in just six years!! Please spay and neuter your pets and encourage others to do the same!

Spay & Neuter License Plate



Looks like New Mexico will soon be getting a Spay & Neuter license plate! The license plate will cost about \$35 extra, but \$25 of the money will go into a

fund for spay and neuter programs in New Mexico. These programs are badly needed in the state, which has one of the highest euthanasia rates in the country due to pet overpopulation.

The amount of money that each county gets will be determined by the number of Spay & Neuter license plates purchased by residents in that county. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available!

Our Financials (3/1/04 - 8/31/04)...

Income (aluminum & printer cartridge redemptions, yardsale proceeds, plus some cash donations): \$1172.69

Expenses:

Vet expenses: \$677.83
Bank charges: \$19.20
Miscellaneous (PO Box rental, yardsale supplies & ads, etc.) \$145.34

SNAP Van Visit

The van should return to the campus in early January. Once we get confirmation of this, we will begin scheduling appointments for companion animals for NMSU faculty, staff and students.

Participants with male dogs will, in some cases, have a choice between surgical neutering and a new procedure involving Neutersol. The Neutersol is injected into the testicular area and, within a couple of weeks, the dog is sterile. As with any procedure, there are pros and cons. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

Last January, the van spayed or neutered 95 dogs and cats. This translates into literally hundreds of puppies and kittens that won't be born to contribute to the pet overpopulation problem that exists in New Mexico.

Looking Ahead...

Our October 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 retones 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!