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### Program Progress...

The FCaMP program is thriving! We continue to 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.

Thus far, we have Trapped/Neutered/Released (TNR'd) 82 campus ferals: 42 females and 40 males. Our goal is to surpass 100 by the year's end.

We have entered all of the data associated with the campus ferals into our database. 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 also is included in the database.

### Did You Know? ...

- It has been scientifically proven that owning cats is good for our health and can decrease the occurrence of high blood pressure and other illnesses.
- Cats see six times better in the dark and at night than humans.
- Cats eat grass to aid their digestion and to help them get rid of any fur in their stomachs.
- Cats have the largest eyes of any mammal.
- Purring does not always indicate that a cat is happy. Cats will also purr loudly when they are distressed or in pain.
- About 37% of American homes today have at least 1 cat.
- The average lifespan of an outdoor-only cat is about 3 to 5 years while an indoor-only cat can live 16 years or much longer.
- Blue-eyed, white cats are often prone to deafness.
- Cats and kittens should be acquired in pairs whenever possible as cat families interact best in pairs.

### Our Financials (9/1/04 - 3/31/05)...

Income (aluminum & printer cartridge redemptions, yardsale proceeds, plus some cash donations): \$1730.26

#### Expenses:

Vet expenses: \$1698.40  
Bank charges: 22.43\$  
Miscellaneous (PO Box rental, yardsale supplies & ads, etc.) 220.82\$

### SNAP Van Visit

The van returned to the campus on January 10-14. A total of 114 dogs and cats were spayed or neutered, including 15 of our campus feral kitties. This number is up from the 95 animals that were spayed or neutered in 2004.

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. Thanks to everyone who participated this year and in years past. As responsible pet owners, you are doing the "right thing" by having your pets spayed or neutered.

### Looking Ahead...

Our May yardsale is just around the corner (tentatively scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>)! If you have items that you would like to donate, please call 639-3036, 527-4529 or send e-mail to [fcamp@nmsu.edu](mailto: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](http://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!