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**Program Progress...**

The FCaMP program continues to perform solidly. Thus far, we have Trapped/Neutered/Released (TNR'd) 94 campus ferals: 48 females and 46 males. Our goal is to surpass 100 by the year's end. Additionally, we have found good homes for 23 campus cats and kittens.

We have recently received several calls concerning kitties who have gotten trapped in buildings on campus. This happens when an outside door is left open and unattended for a period of time. To prevent this, please remind students, coworkers and janitorial staff NOT to leave outside building doors open. Thanks!

**Our Financials (4/1/05 - 8/31/05)...**

Income (aluminum & printer cartridge redemptions, yardsale proceeds, plus some cash donations): \$1649.43

Expenses:  
 Vet expenses: \$1207.06  
 Bank charges: \$16.05  
 Miscellaneous (PO Box rental, traps, yardsale supplies & ads, etc.) \$471.08

**SNAP Van Visit**

FCaMP and NMSU has been fortunate to host the SNAP Mobile Spay and Neuter Van for the past three years. However, we have received word that SNAP's New Mexico and Native American Program will cease operations on September 30, 2005. Because of funding problems the spay/neuter van will no longer visit New Mexico. This is sad news for the cats and dogs of New Mexico, especially those areas which have no small animal vets.

To that end, we urge all of you concerned about cat/dog overpopulation or who need low cost spay/neuter programs to contact your city council representatives and county commissioners to let them know that you strongly support the spay/neuter initiative

presented to them in July, 2005. This initiative would provide free spay/neuter surgeries by local participating vets for all pet cats and dogs in the city of Las Cruces and county of Dona Ana.

FCaMP wishes to thank all of you who had your cats and dogs sterilized (a total of 291!) during the three years we were able to have the van visit campus. This translates into literally *thousands* of puppies and kittens that weren't born to contribute to the overpopulation that is so prevalent in this area. We also thank the Facilities Office for providing the holding areas during the week of the van's visit. The staff we worked with was extremely accommodating and gracious about sharing their work space with us.

FCaMP will continue to trap, neuter, and spay the campus cats. Our program is not affected by the loss of the van since it is funded by your donations of toner cartridges and aluminum cans, and the two yard sales we have each year.



**Looking Ahead...**

Our October yardsale is just around the corner (tentatively planned for Saturday, October 1<sup>st</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", please!) 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! We currently have three kittens and two adults in need of good, permanent homes.