

## **TNR Committee**

**January 3, 2024**

Attendees: Members: John Talty (Chair), Doreen Gesslein, Jo Anne Lambusta, Zack Prawdzinski (A-Academy), Scott Smith

Absent: Perry Albanese, Catherine Daley

Scribe: Joanne Bergin

### Roll Call and Welcome

12 people in attendance including Committee members.

### Colony Caregiver Update & Discussion

Doreen reported that there is one new colony caregiver that has registered since the November meeting, which brings the total number of colonies to 64. It was a quiet month because East Coast Vet was closed for two weeks in December.

Since the November meeting, 8 adult cats have been TNR'd - 4 male, and 4 female cats. The program has TNR'd 163 cats in total.

### Sponsor Update

Doreen reported that all colony caregivers are up to date on their paperwork including all required information on the number of cats and their status as spayed/neutered.

Doreen thanked all of the trappers who are doing a great job, and caretakers are jumping on board learning how to trap. Good job everybody!

Doreen provided the following stats:

2022 – 63 cats, 2023-100 cats. Total is 163 cats TNR'd to date.

All Fur One rescue is doing a vaccine (Rabies and distemper) clinic in January. We will post that information on the TNR web site when it's released by All Fur One. The event is scheduled for Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – preregistration is required. The vaccine is free and microchips are available for \$20. All Fur One is trying to host this monthly. They are located in Silverton. All Fur One is also hosting a trapping clinic. Doreen will be teaching.

### Veterinarian Update

There is nothing new to report. East Coast Vet continues to do a great job. Red Bank Veterinary Hospital also does compassionate euthanasia and is kind to the feral cat community. Doreen reminded everyone to keep them in mind.

### Animal Control Update

Zack was out on vacation for most of December and therefore, had nothing to report.

Issues or complaints:

*None*

TNR Hotline calls/ emails

Ryan Carty from Howell is looking for assistance with a feral cat he cares for that need to be spayed/neutered. John Talty referred him to East Coast Vet. A member of the public asked if he needs help trapping. John will check and let her know if volunteer trappers are needed. Doreen also offered vouchers if needed so he gets a discount at East Coast for any cats he traps.

Susan on Pioneer Way sent an email asking about joining the program. She is the new colony caregiver.

Karen (no address given) with 4 cats inquiring about joining the program. The forms were sent but are incomplete.

Jeffrey off Herbertsville is caring for up to 10 cats. He is not an approved colony caregiver. He said he did not want to register as a caregiver. This is a Township code violation.

TNR Rider Account

Chairman Talty reported that the TNR rider account as a balance of \$5,372.76.

2024 events:

There are no more events at this time.

Donation update:

John gave an update on a donation we received in the amount of \$150. She is a regular contributor and John sent a thank you note on the Committee's behalf.

Next meeting date

Wednesday, February 21.

Public Comment

A resident suggested a Brick TNR post on BTV.

Have feral cats? Call Brick TNR with the number. Joanne to coordinate with the Township's Public Information Officer.

A volunteer thanked everyone for their response when she posted on Facebook that her cat was missing. He is back home and is just fine.

A member of the public asked if there was any funding available to provide medical care for feral cats. Doreen explained that she has tried to connect with a vet who will perform discount services, and no one was willing. Doreen provided referrals to places that are feral friendly and

are reasonable with prices. There's also non-profit groups that will help with supplies. John also reported that there's a shortage of vets which exacerbates the problem.