

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Options for Cats

FUNDING SOURCES:

SUN P.E.T.S. - a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

2 FUNDING PROGRAMS:

1. **VOUCHERS** – to pay for SPAY SURGERIES for **PET FEMALE CATS ONLY**. **Does not apply to outside (community / non-owned) cats.** **ELIGIBILITY:** 1. Owner must be a resident of Snyder, Union and Northumberland Counties. 2. Household income must be \$35,000 year or less.

Vouchers ONLY COVER THE COST OF THE SPAY SURGERY. ALL other services must be covered by the pet owner. Owners are asked to contact the various participating vet clinics (listed on the SUNPETS Application Form) to inquire about prices for other services (vaccinations, any required pre-surgical testing, medications, etc.) **PRIOR** to their appointment. Application forms are available under the Spay/Neuter tab at the SUNPETS.org website and can be submitted online or printed and mailed.

2. **Allegheny Spay/Neuter Bus** - Transports male cats (\$50) to the Allegheny Clinic in State College for neuters and vaccination services. Includes surgery, rabies vaccination and pain meds. At times, a cat-only bus is provided for both male and female cats. Female cat services are \$75 on the cat-only bus.

For more information call: 570-523-1135 or visit www.sunpets.org

Cherished Cats Rescue Alliance, Inc. – a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

Sponsoring The Scratching Post Cat Café, 230 Market Street, Lewisburg, PA

Provides limited financial assistance to **TNR (trap, neuter & return) community (barn, feral, stray) cats only**. For assistance to spay/neuter PET cats, see www.SUNPETS.org (for Snyder / Union / Northumberland counties) or www.PAPETS.org (for Columbia and Montour counties).

Cherished Cats Rescue Alliance also provides loaner traps and advice / guidance on how to use traps and low-cost spay/neuter clinics in the area.

Financial Assistance: Visit www.cherishedcats.org/tnr Complete the “Request for Assistance” Form on-line and you will be contacted to discuss your situation and needs, for advice and information on low-cost spay/neuter resources, and to provide financial assistance as funding is available.

PA PETS, Inc. – a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

1. **PA PETS Spay/Neuter Program for PET cats** – Limited to Columbia and Montour County residents.

2. **PA PETS Feral Cat Program (Spay/Neuter Clinics):** Open to caretakers who are / will assume responsibility for non-owned (feral, strays and/or barn) cats. **No geographic restrictions or residency requirements.** HOWEVER, we require that the caretaker provide food and shelter for these cats. After the cats have had surgery, they must be returned to their original area. Our spay/neuter clinics are held on different dates and with various vets. **Fees: \$20/cat with household income of \$30,000/year or less, or \$40/cat with household income over \$30,000/year.** The \$20 or \$40 fee includes the spay/neuter surgery, rabies vaccination, flea medication, ear cleaning and left ear tip (under anesthesia) to identify that a feral cat has been spayed/neutered.

Additional Financial Assistance: MAY be available to Colony Caregivers upon request and availability of funding. To apply for assistance, complete and submit the Feral Program Application Form found on the PA PETS Website (www.pennsylvaniapets.org). You will be contacted by the Feral Program representative to provide information, coordinate loan of trap(s), as needed, and to schedule your outside cats for the next available clinic.

LOW COST CLINICS:

Danville SPCA Spay & Neuter Clinic - a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

Location: Next door to the PSPCA Danville Shelter, 1467 Bloom Rd, Danville, PA

Focus: Low-cost spay/neuter services for PET cats and for free-roaming (outside, barn, feral, stray) cats.

Costs:

- **Pet Cats: \$115 - \$25 Petsmart grant discount = \$90 (Male or Female)** Includes sterilization surgery, rabies and FVRCP (Distemper) vaccinations, flea/tick preventative, nail trim, microchip insertion, pain medicine injection, e-collar.
- **Feral Cat TNR Package - \$40** Includes sterilization surgery, rabies & FVRCP (Distemper) vaccinations, ear cleaning, ear mite treatment, pain medication, flea treatment and ear tip. **To participate, outside cats MUST arrive and be confined in a secure trap, and the cat will be ear-tipped.**

Financial Assistance: Funding Assistance is available (with approved applications) through www.SUNPETS.org for PET cats (females only), and through www.cherishedcats.org/tnr for OUTSIDE CATS (male and female) only. Visit these websites for applications and details.

Low Cost Vaccinations – Available at the PSPCA Clinic / Danville on the 1st Thursday of the month, and the 3rd Saturday of the month.

For more information or to schedule appointments: Visit www.pspca.org/danvilleclinic or call 570-293-9200 and leave a message. A staff member will call you back when they are not in surgery.

No Nonsense Neutering Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic - a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

Location: 47 S. Main St. Suite 2, Mahanoy City, PA

Focus: Low-cost spay/neuter services for both PET cats **and** for free-roaming (feral, stray, barn) cats.

ELIGIBILITY: There are no income or residency requirements to use NNN clinics. All healthy cats 12 weeks and older are eligible for surgery.

COST: \$75 for PET cats (male or female) Includes rabies & distemper vaccines, nail trim, ear cleaning, fluids, pain medicine, e-collars for female cats. All animals receive a green tattoo along the surgery site to indicate sterilization. (SEE WEBSITE FOR OTHER FEES THAT MAY BE CHARGED FOR SERVICES THAT ARE REQUIRED / REQUESTED) Microchips: \$20 at time of surgery (includes chip registration).

\$35 For FREE-ROAMING cats (male or female): Includes rabies vaccination (and FVRCP/Distemper vaccination if under age 1), nail trim, ear cleaning, fluids, ear-mite, worming, flea treatments and pain medicine always included. LEFT ear-tip always required.

Financial Assistance: For Free-Roaming (feral, stray, barn) cats: For more details and applications, visit <http://www.nnnlv.org/community-cats/spay-neuter-resources/>

- **NNN's 2019 Beat the Heat \$15 Voucher Program for FREE-ROAMING CATS** (NOT applicable to pet cats)
 - Limit 5/person. To request vouchers, email your name, address, phone number and how many vouchers you are requesting to admin@nnnlv.org. NO phone calls or text requests please.
 - First 100 cats FREE from either Mt. Carmel Borough or from Shamokin Borough Residents
- **SpayUSA Vouchers:** On-line application must be made to: <https://www.animalleague.org/get-involved/spay-usa/> Covers surgical fee only (not other related services) with a \$15 co-payment.

For more information or to schedule appointments: CALL: 1-866-820-2510 or visit: www.nnnlv.org

Beckoning Cat Project - a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

Location: 1417 E 3rd St, Williamsport, PA (immediately off the FAXON Street exit from I-180)

Focus: CATS ONLY – Low-cost spay/neuter, vaccination and wellness services provided to BOTH Pet cats and Free-Roaming (feral, barn, stray) cats.

Costs: Spay/Neuter \$45 pet cats, \$40 ferals (left ear tipped) (same price males/females)

Rabies Vaccination \$12 (required for ALL cats unless proof of current rabies vaccination is available)

FVRCP (Distemper) Vaccination \$13 pet cats, \$5 ferals

Revolution Flea Treatment (for fleas, ear mites, round/hook worms) \$10 (WILL be applied if fleas are found.

Other services available – see website for details and individual costs.

Appointments: Services BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Exception: 1 TRAPPED OUTSIDE/FERAL CAT PER PERSON (per day) MAY BE BROUGHT IN FOR SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT. Any cats that come in

without an appointment will receive an ear tip, no exceptions. During the summer and fall there can be as long as a 6-8 week wait to get an appointment, especially for females (if you don't want your cat's ear tipped) so please allow for this when calling. Stray and feral cats receiving an ear tip do not have to wait for an appointment. Please call for details.

Financial Assistance:

- Picture Rocks and Montgomery Borough Residents can S/N their outside cats at no cost, through their boroughs' support of BCP's Compassionate Communities Fund. Please call for details.
- Other Funding Available (with approved applications) through www.SUNPETS.org for PET cats (females only), and through www.cherishedcats.org/tnr for OUTSIDE CATS (male and female) only. See these websites for applications and details.

For more information or to schedule appointments: CALL: 570-505-1473 or visit:

www.beckoningcatproject.org

Sunbury Animal Hospital

Location: 3920 PA-890, Sunbury, PA 17801

Focus: 24-hour Emergency and Full Service Veterinary Hospital

Costs:

- **PET Cats:** Call Sunbury Animal Hospital for pricing details and to make an appointment.
- **Free-roaming (outside, feral, stray, barn) cats that MUST arrive in traps: \$50/neuter (male), \$75/spay (female) for surgical procedure ONLY. Vaccinations, worming, pain meds, etc. are charged separately.**

Financial Assistance:

- SUNPETS Vouchers: For residents of Snyder, Union and Northumberland counties with household income less than \$35,000/year: Contact www.SUNPETS.org (under the Spay/Neuter tab) for application.
- Cherished Cats Rescue Alliance: Financial Assistance to TNR (trap, neuter, return) free-roaming / outside, feral, barn, stray cats ONLY (Not pet cats). Visit www.cherishedcats.org/tnr for details and Request Form.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.sunburyanimalhospital.com or call 570-286-5131

The Nobody's Cats Foundation - a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

Location: 3909 Hartzdale Dr., Suite 905, Camp Hill, PA 17011

FOCUS: Free-roaming (non-owned, barn, stray, feral) male and female cats.

AREA: Several Central PA counties, including: Northumberland and Snyder Counties.

COST: \$35/cat. Price includes: Spay/neuter surgery, rabies & distemper (FVRCP) vaccinations, parasite treatments, post-operative antibiotics, subcutaneous fluids and pain medications (when appropriate), and ear-tipping (under anesthesia) for ALL cats.

ELIGIBILITY: Surgeries by appointment only. No Walk-In's. ALL CATS MUST ARRIVE IN A HUMANE, Have-A-Heart-type / box trap. NO cages, carriers, boxes, etc. Minimum age/weight: 3 months or 3 lbs.

Traps: Humane traps are available for loan. Email your request to: traps@nobodyscats.org

Financial Support: Subsidies in some amount toward the cost of surgery and related service MAY be available, depending on the number of animals in the colony and the caretaker's financial means. Visit our website or call for more details on the Surgery Subsidy Application process PRIOR to surgical appointments.

For more information, CALL: 1-855-867-4228 or visit: www.nobodyscats.org or email us at: contact@nobodyscats.org

Mom and kittens, what do I do?

(From the No Nonsense Neutering Website (www.nnnlv.org))

Discovering a mom and her kittens during Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) can be an adorable yet challenging experience (mostly adorable). To properly handle a mom and her kittens, there are a lot of factors to consider. Should you leave mom with her kittens? Are the kittens old enough to separate from mom? What if you find kittens without mom? How can you safely trap a family?

It's important to first determine how old a kitten is so you can decide what's best for them. For kittens younger than 8 weeks, the best place for them is with their mother, if possible. Kittens older than 4 months should be returned as part of TNR. The ideal range for socializing kittens for adoption is about 6 to 12 weeks old.



Here are some tips on how to handle common kitten and mom scenarios that you might encounter:

- Kittens without mom. First, determine if the kittens are truly without a mother or if she is just off looking for food. Mother cats may need to take a rest break away from the kittens as well! The only way to know if the kittens are truly without a mother is by waiting around to see if the mother returns, which can take a few hours. Observe the kittens from a distance or a hidden spot to see if mom returns before you move the kittens. Remember, it's best for kittens younger than 8 weeks to stay with their mother.
- If mom doesn't return after several hours, or if the kittens are in immediate danger, you can choose to care for them yourself. Of course, this isn't a decision to take lightly since, depending on their age, they may need intensive newborn kitten care (1 to 4 weeks old). Again, if you have the time and dedication, young kittens can be socialized, fostered, or adopted (6 to 16 weeks old). But if you don't have the time or resources to foster kittens for adoption, you should just include them as part of TNR).
- If mom returns, and kittens are too young to separate from her, remember that mom is the best caregiver for the kittens. If they're too young to separate, leave them with their mom. Provide food, water, and shelter, and monitor the family daily, making the environment as safe as possible. Once the kittens are older, you can decide to foster them for adoption or to include them with their mom in the TNR process.

- If you think it's safer for the whole family to come indoors, for instance if you find mom and her kittens in an area too dangerous for them to live like a busy highway, bring the whole family inside to a quiet, small room (like a bathroom) where they can live until the kittens are weaned and it's safe to get them all spayed or neutered. Consider providing the mother cat and kittens with a medium-large sized dog crate to use as a hiding place until they get used to their new surroundings. Then decide to foster the kittens for adoption or return them to a safe location outdoors with their mom.
- If the kittens are old enough to be separated from their mother, you must make the best decision for the kittens based on your time and resources. You can socialize and foster the kittens for adoption, or you can get them all spayed or neutered with their mom and return them to the outdoors.
- If you trap a cat and find out she's a nursing mom, it's best to get her spayed and returned to the area you found her as soon as possible. You usually won't discover a cat is a nursing mom until you bring her to be spayed, but this may be the only opportunity you have to spay her, so move forward with the procedure. Don't worry, mother cats continue to produce milk even after being spayed. It could also be helpful to speak with the clinic you choose to let them know of your plans to return nursing mothers as soon as possible so they can adjust their schedule or procedures.
- **If a cat is pregnant:** This can be a very difficult decision because spaying a pregnant cat would mean terminating her pregnancy. The choice is yours to make, but remember, this might be the only opportunity you have to catch this cat, get her spayed, and protect her from future health risks and ongoing stresses of mating and pregnancy. Otherwise, you can return the pregnant cat back outdoors and monitor her until she has her kittens and they are properly weaned and old enough to be spayed and neutered with the mother cat. Alternately, if you have the time and resources, you could bring the pregnant cat inside to a small, quiet room for the remainder of her pregnancy to allow her to have her kittens. The mother cat would care for the kittens, and you could foster and socialize the kittens to prepare them for adoption.

Cat Deterrents

(From the No Nonsense Neutering website (www.nnnlv.org))

Spaying and Neutering our free-roaming cats is the first step. However, we must also recognize that they still pee and poop and will go wherever they find a great spot for an outdoor litter box. Sometimes it is in our neighbors' mulch, under their deck, on their patio furniture or in their well-tended vegetable or flower gardens. It's our responsibility to provide ideas to keep the "peace" or the cats will always lose this battle. Sometimes it's as simple as closing up spaces they can get under. For other areas No Nonsense Neutering has YARD SENTINEL and ScareCrow deterrents at our clinics. Ask our staff about them and we ask for a donation to cover the cost. **Yard Sentinel is an ultrasonic device. For other areas, very inexpensive ultrasonic solar cat deterrents are available starting at \$10 per unit.**

Flea Management In Colonies

Diatomaceous earth is an organic material and can be used for OUTSIDE colonies where fleas are a problem. It should be sprinkled on the ground around the feeding areas when dry. We are not recommending this to be used on the cats or for inside cats.

Ongoing cat colony management

- Make sure that the shelters you build/make are not in obvious areas for the public to see. There are many inexpensive ideas for making shelters. Straw is a great insulator. Visit www.AlleyCatAllies.org for ideas.
- Make sure that all containers used to feed, are in discreet areas and do not blow away. Do not leave paper plates and bowls on the ground.
- Do NOT leave out food overnight. You are attracting wildlife to the cat's feeding areas. You are wasting your money and it may present a risk to the cats if a rabid or predatory animal is nearby and is attracted to the food.
- Provide an "outside litter box" for your cats using sand or mulch in a discreet area away from neighbors.