Community Outreach: Winter 2021

Number of Helpline Calls: 1,289



At A Glance	Winter 2021
Number of Community Cats TNR'd	67
Lbs of Food Distributed to Managed Colonies	527 lbs
Number of Clients Provided with Vet Assistance	41
Number of Dogs Graduated from Canine College Training Class	49
Number of Behavior Assistance Calls	46



TNR Across Languages

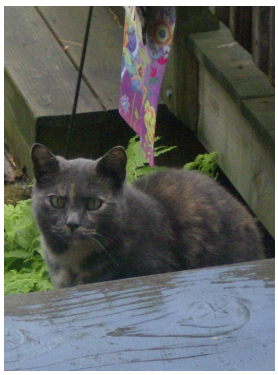
We recently had a community cat caretaker reach out to us in need of our help. She came across a community cat colony of 10 cats in her neighborhood that she wanted to help TNR (trap, neuter, and return). With our Helpline now accessible in Spanish, she was able to contact Our Companions for assistance in training and trapping. Thanks to the wonderful teamwork of OC staffer, Edie, and OC volunteer, Natalie, they were able to translate and train this caretaker to help these cats in need. We look forward to becoming more accessible to those in our community- great teamwork!

Socially Distant Group Walks

As we take a look back at the last year with our Canine College program, one aspect that has been consistently running is our Family Companions 3 (FC3) Group Walks. Everyone is able to keep socially distant, while still learning, socializing, and overall having fun! Here's what one client had to say about the class: "Like all Our Companion classes, the presence of the knowledgeable instructors/leaders gives you a sense of confidence and safety with your dog. Mocha and I enjoy going to all the new places (that we would never find out about ourselves) and appreciate the practice of being in different places and seeing different people with their dogs."



A Cat with Many Names



Every spring, a community cat named Pumpernickel would visit the home of a lovely couple to live underneath their porch, until one year she didn't return. Speaking to a neighbor, the cat sounded very familiar to a feral cat named Dusty he took in when she was pregnant, until she birthed her kittens and escaped through a screen door, not wanting to live a life inside. A few years later in spring, a cat with similar, but different, markings showed up again at the couple's porch. They named her Rye and started to care for her like they did with Pumpernickel. They reached out to OC for trap and spay assistance, yet during her vet visit, they found that she was microchipped and named Dusty! As the talk around town spread, a gentleman came forward saying the same cat stayed in his barn during the winter and named her Grey Girl. They now all keep in contact to report sightings and updates from this community cat. A cat with many names and a cat cherished by a community!

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