



CREATED TO ADVOCATE FOR AND SUPPORT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF COMMUNITY/FERAL CATS IN OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND BEYOND

2016 Annual Report to the Community

Welcome

The past year has been an active one for *A Feral Haven*. We hope you will review the statistics and photos we have offered in this annual report, and see the progress we have made throughout 2016.

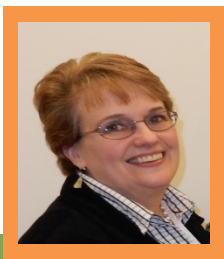
In addition to serving our community cats and their caregivers, our board has been busy in 2016 with efforts to strengthen our organization that included:

- Review of our mission with the needs of the community.
- Review and update of our financial reporting.
- Addition of one new board member.
- Development of our organizational plan.

As you can see, we believe in operating *A Feral Haven* as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Our organization could not have accomplished as much without our dedicated volunteers, dedicated board members, and dedicated caregivers. We especially want to thank our community partners, C-SNIP, Mac's Landing Veterinary Services, Ottawa Animal Hospital, and West Michigan Spay Neuter Clinic as well as Harbor Humane Society for assisting us in our mission. Lastly, we want to thank all those who have donated to keep our programs running. Without your financial support, we could not have accomplished all that we did in 2016.

If you are reading this and have not donated, please consider donating and/or volunteering your time.



Thank you,

Carleen Bauer
President Board of Directors

Board of Directors



Pictured left to right:

- Tracey Arb; Member
- Carleen Bauer; President
- Debra Westerhof; Treasurer
- Christina DeConinck; Secretary



Dr. Wendy Swift;
Veterinarian Oversight

Generous Donors

Grants

We were grateful recipients of grants from the following foundations

- Anonymous
- The Binky Foundation
- Bissell Pet Foundation
- On Shore Foundation

Collaborating Businesses & Organizations:

- C-SNIP
- Harbor Humane Society
- Mac's Landing Veterinary Services
- Ottawa Animal Hospital
- West Michigan Spay & Neuter Clinic

Donation Bank Hosting Businesses:

- Cobblestone Crafts & Hobbies
- Graphix Signs & Embroidery
- Ottawa Animal Hospital (East Office)
- Pet Supplies Plus (Holland Location)

Supporting Businesses

These businesses provided support in 2016 by hosting fundraising events, donating, or providing advertising.

- Culver's: Grand Haven and Holland
- Hops at 84 East
- Russ' Restaurant: Holland Northtown Location
- ServiceMaster of Ottawa & Allegan County

In-Kind Donations:

- BestPals Animal Rescue Center
- Cat Lady Productions
- Generous Community Members
- Harbor Humane Society
- Ottawa Animal Hospital
- Paul DeConinck Photography
- Pet Supplies Plus (Holland Location)
- Pine Ridge Assisted Living Facility

Business Sponsorship

- Pine Ridge Assisted Living Facility

Acknowledgement of Services:

- Animal Clinic of Holland
- Spay/Neuter Express



Christina's comments:

"The Board members were honored to celebrate National Feral Cat Day by hosting our Community Cat and Caregiver Celebration on October 16, 2016. Twenty-five generous people shared a delicious meal together and told their story. The attendees represented caregivers, spay/neuter providers, animal welfare organizations, volunteers, and supporters. I am grateful to be a small part of the community that cares about the welfare of outdoor cats."

Community Cat and Caregiver Celebration on National Feral Cat Day



Accomplishments

Caregivers: 24 new caregivers/colonies registered

Spay/Neuter Services:

- Each cat was spayed/neutered, ear tipped, received vaccinations and a microchip
- 96 cats from 16 different locations received services through our voucher program
58 females & 38 males
- 2 males were previously neutered but received vaccinations

Veterinarian Services:

- 4 injured cats received veterinary services (not because of spay/neuter)

Food Shared:

- 2300 pounds of dry food
- 68 pounds of moist food
- 35 pounds of cat treats

Structures:

- 21 insulated Haven Huts assembled & distributed
- 1 feeding station distributed
- 1 fenced enclosure used to help cats acclimate to a new feeding territory

Relocation:

- 1 Allegan Shelter cat introduced into new colony
- 4 At-Risk cats relocated to a partnering caregiver colony

Adoptions:

- 15 kittens removed from colonies & admitted to HHS for socialization & adoption
- 4 socialized kittens adopted through Ottawa Animal Hospital/A Feral Haven cooperation
- 2 young at-risk un-socialized cats adopted

Volunteers:

- We continue to develop opportunities to utilize volunteers.
- 17 volunteers donated 1098 hours by:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building & Delivering Haven Huts• Collecting & Monitoring Data• Communicating with caregivers & supporters• Delivering food & traps• Designing flyers & promotional materials• Educating | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant writing• Helping at Fundraising Events• Maintaining Website• Substitute feeding• Supporting Caregivers• Trapping & Transporting Cats. |
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Caregiver Comments

A caregiver noted:

A Feral Haven has been a crucial piece of caring for our cats. When I first found them I had no idea what to do. I knew I did not want hundreds of feral cats running around but had no idea on how to go about it.

I contacted Feral Haven and they helped with spay/neutering, provided bags of food to supplement what we buy to help out and provided huts for them. The huts are essential for the winter. We see the little footprints from the food dish to the hut when it is brutal outside.

They offer encouragement when I need it and are always able to help.



A caregiver noted:

They certainly are entertaining.

We play "Fishing for Kitties" with them. Chi is very curious as to what is going on and will sit just out of reach and Miss Daisy will play and play and play, she wears us out.

Chi is a rascal in her right. She absolutely loves the little "treat mouse" we gave to them and she is the one always "hogging" it's attention. She loves to dominate it and get those goodies to fall out. She will look high and low for it each time she comes into eat.



A caregiver noted:

Our 4 cats are going strong. They roam the neighborhood like they own it. At breakfast and dinner time they come home and demand their food.

Our mamma cat Luna (or Alice) has come a long way in trusting us. I actually got to pet her the other day without the promise of food in my hand. She saw me petting Snowball and came over. Our 2 tiger cats (Lilly & Tiger) still tend to only want touch from my mom (food giver) or Mia (who plays with them a lot).

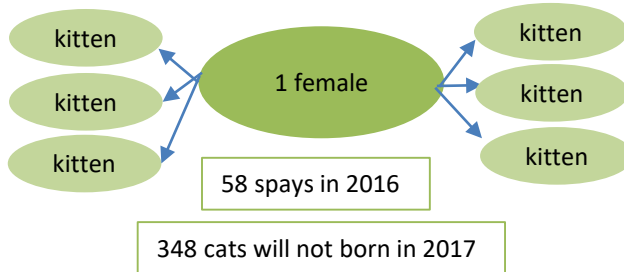
All 4 love to terrorize our dog (who they are bigger than). I think they do it on purpose, once he is agitated and barking they casually walk away. I have neighbors who enjoy them also. They kept pests out of gardens.

They are awesome to watch, whether they are hunting something or just hanging out playing on the deck. Each cat has its own distinct personality and "place" in the colony. Luna still keeps her kittens in line with a swift smack of her paw or a loud meow.

Impact

Spaying is a major part of controlling the population of feral cats in Ottawa county colonies.

Let's assume that a female cat will have 2 litters of 3 kittens, which would be 6 kittens per female per year. Since 58 females were spayed through our voucher program in 2016, then a potential 348 kittens will not be born into feral colonies in 2017.



Each box represents a cat

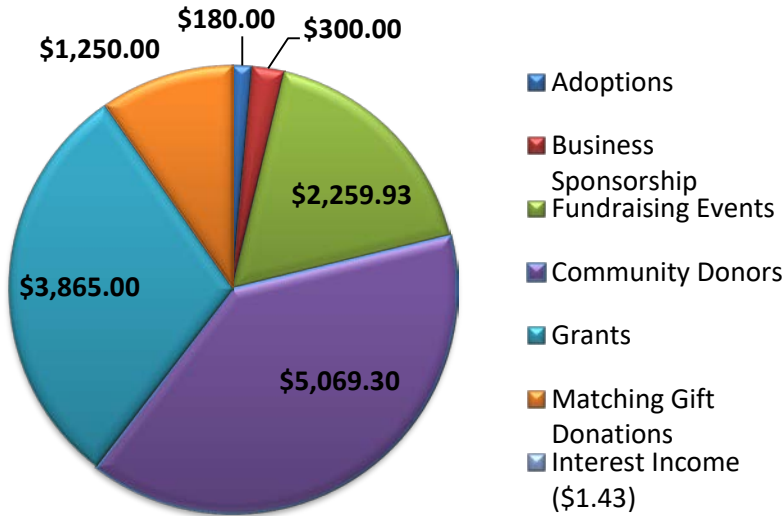


Debra's comments:
"We grateful for the dedicated caregivers that provide food, water, and support to the cats every day. They don't own the cats but they do love them and we value the relationships that they develop with the cats and with us. We are a community"



Financial Report

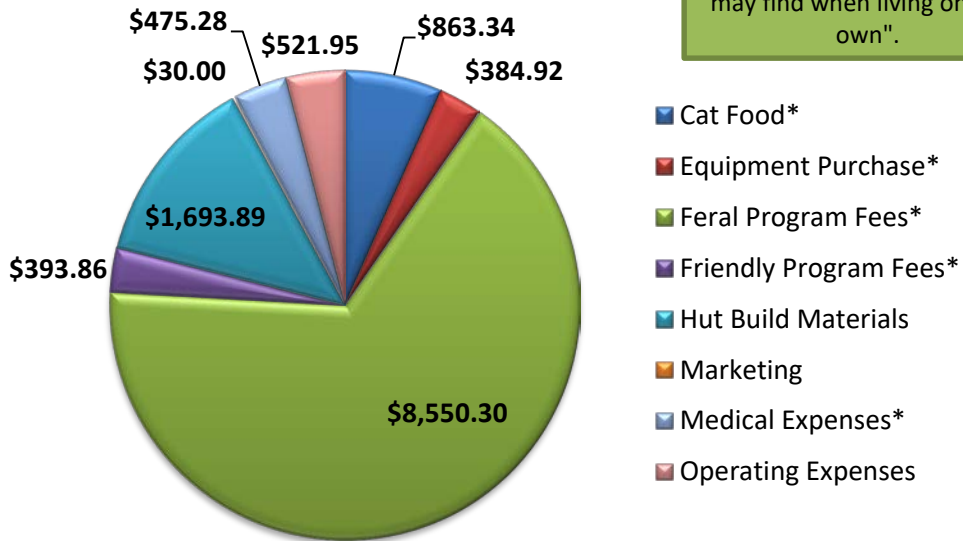
Income (or Revenue): \$12,926



Tracey comments:

"My husband and I were so glad to be able to help out with the building and delivering of 16 huts for the community cats. We are grateful for the donations and grants that made it possible. It feels so great to know that these huts provide so much protection for these dear, sweet kitties. They keep them safe from the weather and from other difficulties they may find when living on their own".

Expenses: \$12,914



- Cat Food: Food purchased by AFH when need exceeded donations
- Equipment Purchase: Enclosure for colony feeding station relocation project
- Feral Program Fees: Spay/Neuter, Vaccinations, Ear Tip, Microchip
- Friendly Program Fees: Spay, Vaccination, Microchip, Vet Expenses for Adoptable Cats
- Medical Expenses: Treatment expenses for community cats with health or injury issues not received during spay/neuter