

THE CATS MEOW

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CSM STRAYS USES A DROP TRAP FOR EMERGENCY RELOCATION

For months, Belle's family knew that they were moving away from their Queens apartment to their new home in another state. They tried desperately to trap Belle on their own with a trap that they purchased. Without any experience, their attempts failed. Belle was their outside stray cat that took up residence in their backyard. She was fed each day and lived in a makeshift shelter. She would appear daily but did not get that close to humans. She would not let anyone pick her up and bolted to other yards if attempted. If they moved without relocating Belle, she would most certainly not survive. She was dependent upon their daily feeding for two years. She was already spayed via the ASPCA's Glendale program. She was trap smart and would not go near any humane traps especially when the feeders tried to catch her and the one-sided trap door closed too soon.



Belle in humane trap awaiting her veterinarian treatment before relocating to her new forever home.

In desperation, they contacted the NYC Feral Cat Council and they in turn contacted CSM Strays to see if we had an alternative way to trap Belle. We set up a special drop trap that she was not familiar with. After a few hours, the cat came out for the feeder, went into the middle of the back of the drop trap and Nancy Fahnestock, the trapper, hiding in the kitchen, pulled the string. Once the drop trap had her, Carole Milker immediately covered it and carefully transferred Belle into the regular humane trap lined-up at the doors. Success! After a two week stay at the veterinarian, Belle was moved to her new home. The caregivers built a special setup for her to live in the outdoors in the backyard but prior to that, they gave Belle her own room upstairs with litter box, scratching posts and toys. Belle now has the freedom of the entire top floor of the new house and watches them in the exercise room. She has become more social and as of yet, has not been let out into the outdoor fenced-in cat center. Her relocation was successful and necessary in this case, for her survival.

THANKS FROM ALL OF US AT CSM STRAYS

From Trap-Neuter-Return to feeding a feral colony to supporting our Senior Citizen Shelter Building Program, transporting cats to and from the veterinarian and everything in between, we could do nothing without your support! CSM Stray Foundation is an all volunteer 501 (c)(3) feral cat protection group that provides services to the Queens NY area. We depend on the generosity of the public to provide these services. All donations are tax-deductible.



Donate Monthly

Monthly donations make a difference for feral cats. Going to <http://www.csmstray.org> and clicking on the **Network for Good button**, then choosing to make a monthly donation of any amount you can afford helps us to feed and care for the many feral cats that we've saved from euthanasia. \$25 per month provides food for two weeks for a small colony of cats. Please consider monthly donations.



Our senior volunteers work very hard to build shelters for the feral cats of feral cat caregivers. Not only do we support the TNR projects of feral cat caregivers but offer them an opportunity to keep our seniors busy by purchasing at cost, a feral cat shelter made from Rubbermaid Roughneck containers, insulation and straw. The cost of the materials this year is \$40 and each senior that builds the shelter gets a photo of the cats that use it.



Support our Senior Shelter Building Program

CARING FOR SENIOR COLONY CATS

Trap-Neuter-Return makes a difference City-wide in the control of the overpopulation of feral cats. TNR is the best humane solution to prevent more unwanted kittens from being born.



Experienced colony caregivers know that medical emergencies do come up with the feral colony members. If they are not

able to be handled, they must be sedated and treated. On occasion, a friendly stray can be treated after sedation.

One of our Maine Coon colony cats was having trouble eating and thus losing weight. She was drooling from the mouth. We were able to bring her into the Veterinarian. She had a systemic infection from many bad teeth, was treated with antibiotics and when free from infection, had over 8 teeth removed as well as gum treatment.

The cost was high but she is now a happy girl enjoying her 9th birthday.



In the case of this grey cat, he had a swollen ear. He was trapped, brought to the vet and found to have a hema-

toma. He had ear surgery to sew up the vessels that were causing the embolism and was lucky not to have hemorrhaged. He has now made a full recovery.

The blonde cat to the right was trapped in Rosedale to be neutered. He ended up having a severe umbilical hernia that would strangulate. After his surgery, is happily eating and enjoying his return to his colony. Your generous donations are used to support TNR and emergency medical treatments that add to the quality of feral colony cats.



NYC FERAL CAT COUNCIL DONATES THE H3 TUBES SHELTER FROM THE ARCHITECTS FOR ANIMALS FUNDRAISER



Photo by Carole Milker of feral cats using the shelter.

Architects for Animals teamed up with the Mayors' Alliance for NYC's Animals 2nd Annual competition to design and build safe

weatherproof shelters for the many NYC stray cats. In

addition, funds were raised to support the many initiatives of the Alliance such as NYC Feral Cat

Council, Picasso Veterinary Fund, Adoptions and others. CSM Strays, because of their ongoing work with feral colony cats was picked from a raffle drawing to receive one of these unique shelters. As you can see in the photo, the cats are enjoying going into the H3 "The Brown Tubes Shelter" designed by architect Frank Lindemann. This donation came at the perfect time, just before the cold weather. Our special thanks to NYC Feral Cat Council, Mayors' Alliance for NYC's Animals for transport, H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture and the entire Architects for Animals team.

MICROCHIP LEADS TO FINDING A LOVING HOME FOR ABANDONED HUGE KITTEN

A cat that was dumped in July and managed to survive in our colony began to follow the feeder after four months. In early November, he was able to be handled and brought to the vet. There was a microchip and ACC of Brooklyn was contacted. Needless to say, this family will no longer be on any adoption list as they admitted to abandoning the cat. Our Veterinarian found out that Kiddles was simply a huge rambunctious kitten and with a bit of love and care, CSM Strays placed him in a loving home. He's being treated for a parasite but otherwise healthy. He purrs, plays and smiles now.



Nancy Fahnestock, CSM Strays Treasurer, visits Kiddles, the 7 month old kitten in the hospital.