

Over 1,000 New Orleans-Area Cats Spayed/Neutered During Drive

During a three-week period, grassroots effort was assisted by over 100 volunteers.

Alley Cat Allies, in conjunction with local animal welfare groups, veterinary clinics, and individual caregivers announced that over 1,100 cats were fixed during a three-week free spay/neuter drive throughout the greater New Orleans area.

The spay/neuter drive, which took place May 8-27, focused on outdoor and feral cats that live in neighborhoods across New Orleans. The goal was to prevent the birth of kittens through a trap-neuter-return strategy.

The grassroots effort was made possible by over 100 volunteers and many individuals who feed stray cats. Alley Cat Allies provided free spay/neuter and vaccination services through local veterinarians.

The participating clinics and humane organizations were: Animal Rescue New Orleans; Animal Health Clinic; Ark Animal Hospital; Feral Cat Consortium; Cat Haven; Community Feral Cat Care; Lakeshore Veterinary Hospital; Louisiana SPCA; Riverlands SPCA; Save Our Pets; SpayMart; Society for Animal Stewardship; Southern Animal Foundation; St. Bernard Parish Animal Control; Support Alliance for Stray Animals; St. Tammany Humane Society; West Metairie Plaza Veterinary Clinic, Wild Cat Foundation.

Individual veterinarians who helped out include: Dr. Richard Allen, Dr. Emily Edwards, Dr. Amy Grayson, Dr. Sophie Hudson, Dr. Jill Krzycki, and Dr. Beth Sternhagen.

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