

## Caretaker Meeting March 14, 2015

### Upcoming Events: Annual Garage Sale in Vernon Hills

May 15-16	7AM to 5 PM	Friday/Saturday
May 11-13	Drop off	Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
May 12-13	Sorting	Tuesday/Wednesday
May 13-14	Pricing	Wednesday/Thursday

Workers needed for all phases

WORKING CONDITION, CLEAN AND GENTLY USED ITEMS (sm appliances, electronics, home office, furniture, sporting goods, tools, lawn and garden, bicycles, linens/rugs, home décor, books/games/music, dishes, cookware) NO WOMENS CLOTHING **contact Julie Wheeler** [wheeler.julie@comcast.net](mailto:wheeler.julie@comcast.net)

### Six Ways You Can Help Spay and Stay

**Mentor** new caretakers by answering questions, encouraging them to keep trapping, offer tips.

**Manage** a coin can(s), check it monthly or more often, send a check for the money to S&S office

**Bring** your energy to plan or implement fundraisers with a working committee or Board of Directors

**Donate** cat food and unused cat shelters or electric water dishes to fellow caretakers.

**Distribute** door hangers in public places in your community.

**Transport to vet/aftercare** for cats whose caretakers cannot it.

## GOALS

### **Pet sitter**

Lynn Fahlhaber 847-338-6698 Mundelein

Cynthia Deen 847-507-8968 Libertyville

April Nemrava 847-362-4870 Vernon Hills

Denise Dobner. 847-550-9721 Lake Zurich

### **Grooming for long-haired outdoor cats**

Borrow trap and transport to Care Animal Hospital

Shaved, vaccinated, weighed and assessed

Caretaker pays the cost of services

### **Getting care for injured cat**

Borrow drop trap and cage from S&S

### **Vets that work with ferals**

Care Animal Hospital, Libertyville 847-549-8500

4Paws Animal Hospital, Libertyville 847-549-3616

Animal Medical Center of Lake Villa 224-444-8653

Waukegan Pet Clinic, Waukegan 847-335-4447

### How to feed cats not wildlife?

Feeding station site and put them on a feeding schedule

Feed cheap, dry food to raccoons get their fill

*Prevent Skunk, Opossum & Raccoon*-Take food in after dusk or when cats are done eating. Talk radio.

Use flashing lighting near food or shelter to discourage raccoon, opossum, and skunk

Kittens more likely to be harmed by raccoon, skunk or opossum than mature cat

If you feed raccoons, do it away from cats' feeding station. They like apples, peanuts, peanut butter, and corn. They do not need the protein from your cats' food.

*Watch out for Coyote*-Heavier shelters are better to protect cats and keep shelter from being damaged by coyotes. They may watch when you feed the cats and wait to attack them

*Intruder cats* could be fed in a separate location to reduce fighting.

### Trap purchase

Tru-Catch trap 30LTD

Trucatchtraps.com

Cost about \$70 plus S&H

### External Parasites

Hartz products are especially harmful to cats.

NEVER use products with Permethrin, it is very dangerous to cat.

DO NOT USE ADVANTIX! It will kill the cat.

Cats are VERY sensitive to pesticides.

Treat all "warm bodies" for fleas but be very careful to use treatments **made for cats** and consider the **cat's weight** in applying it. Cats can become very ill from overdose or meds made for dogs.

*Frontline* (over the counter) is for fleas. Frontline has a spray form that could be misted over cats. It kills the larva form of fleas. Flea powder in the cats bedding can help control fleas. Use of straw as bedding can inhibit fleas from settling into bedding. Wash bedding in hot water and hot dry to kill flea eggs or larva. Frontline can be bought over the counter but does not work on heartworms or ear mites. *Revolution* (prescription) kills fleas, ear mites, ticks, heart/round/hook worms. Cats with bald patches and clumps of hair coming out probably have flea dermatitis, a seasonal problem. The cat is allergic to the flea saliva and may rip out its hair in attempt to stop the itching and get at fleas. Treat this with Revolution right away. "Herd immunity"-treat a portion of the colony one month for fleas and then a different portion the next month to reduce cost and increase flea control. If your cat has an allergic reaction to Revolution, spread it over several spots along spine where they can't lick. Revolution is "vet exclusive" meaning if you buy it over the counter at Target, Wal-Mart, etc. it is not guaranteed to work and there is no vet standing behind it in case your cat has a reaction to it. Care Animal Hospital in Libertyville price matches with retailers.

*Advantage* (OTC) can also be used for fleas. Check all labels carefully before applying to cats. *Frontline and Revolution* work on ticks but you can use a Tick Twister or gently pull it off your cat without squeezing it. Ticks are generally not an issue as they get groomed off by cats.

Mosquitoes- Citronella plants from local garden shops were suggested for having around the cats' area. Farm & Fleet has mosquito spray that could be used in the general area but check ingredients and toxicity before buying. Cats are VERY sensitive to pesticides.

### **Internal parasite**

*Heartworms*-Cats usually have only 1-2 worms in the heart but a dog can have very many. Revolution prevents/treats heartworms in cats. If cat has heartworms the Revolution won't hurt the cat and will kill immature heartworm. Symptoms of severe heartworms are vomiting and sudden death.

*Tapeworms* come from fleas that the cat has swallowed while grooming. Drontal (pill form) and droncit (injection) for tapes but fleas control will help control tapes. Cats living outdoors often have parasites and manage; kittens, sick or elderly cats are most harmed.

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*Petranek's Pharmacy* in Libertyville can make up flavored chews to treat intestinal worms.

### **L-Lysine information. What formulas are safe for cat?**

<http://www.askavetquestion.com/propylene-glycol.php>

### **Finding home for a cat**

Handout from Best Friends "How to Find Homes for Homeless Pets"

<http://www.overmanual.com/file/4Po/how-to-find-homes-for-homeless-pets-best-friends-animal-.html>

Send bio (cute habits, best home, favorite toys) and photos to [info@spayandstay.org](mailto:info@spayandstay.org) for posting on Petfinder and RescueMe

### **New Trapper**

Elevate trap off floor of garage

Green towel better than white towel

Mackerel, tuna in oil are good bait

### **Socializing**

Work with their paws when they are little so they are good with having claws trimmed later.

Many online articles about socializing kittens, e-mail [wheeler.julie@comcast.net](mailto:wheeler.julie@comcast.net) if you need more

### **Getting along with Neighbors, Keeping Cats out of Their Yard**

<http://www.aspca.org/adopt/feral-cats-faq>

### **How to tell the difference between feral and scared cat?**

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### **What to do if you think it's someone's cat?**

Call local police and Lake County Animal Control to see if it's listed as missing.

You can still bring it to S&S to be fixed if they are letting it roam outside.

Take to vet to scan for chip.

### **Transitioning cats to new location**

Hold in large enclosure for over 30 days

Provide wet food near release date.

See Alley Cat Allies website for other relocation information

**Susan Lucas is looking for calico kitten for adopter 847-951-4401**

**Faith Dicke needs a home for a young black female cat that she took in but can't keep 847-356-7323**

**How can we help get Lake County to adopt ordinances like Cook Co has which allows for feeding ferals cats if working with a TNR group like S&S?**

**Anna's Law**

Allows you to feed a domestic animal (not wildlife) if you are working with a TNR group

Third Lake has ordinance that allows feeding cats if the colony is working with a TNR group

Sue and Tim Robinson keep data on their colony and report to the village and educate new feeders

Representatives from Waukegan (2), Antioch (2), Libertyville, Park City (2), Mundelein, Lake Villa, Winthrop Harbor, Third Lake, Wauconda, Round Lake Beach