August 25, 2008

Dear Business Owner/Manager,

Heart of Texas Feral Friends is currently organizing volunteers to help with Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) for the feral cats living behind your business.

In order to accomplish this mission, we are asking for your help, along with your business neighbors, to match our donations.

This amounts to $200 per business (tax-deductible).

(*Five businesses would equal a total of $1,000. Please see attached proposal.)

TNR is a compassionate alternative for feral cat control. TNR stops the breeding!

With TNR, feral cats are:

- Humanely trapped by trained volunteers
- Transported to the ABC Clinic
- Spay/neutered
- Given a rabies shot
- General check-up by the vet
- Scanned for microchip
- Left ear-tipped for tracking & identification.
- Returned to the colony

TNR Feral Cats are healthier. There is less fighting, less spraying, and NO new kittens!!!

FERAL CATS HAVE A PURPOSE IN OUR ECO-SYSTEM! Feral cats "naturally" eliminate and discourage rodents from scavenging and nesting near your store and its dumpsters, without poisons, or messy snap traps & glue pads.

If you were to do TNR on your own, $200 would buy you one trap and only provide spay/neuter & rabies vaccination for three to four feral cats.

Our trained volunteers bring their own Hav-A-Heart traps, plus we coordinate transports for clinic drop off and returns.

Heart of Texas Feral Friends is a 100% volunteer-based group. All donations to the "Common Grounds" colony, located on the east side of I-35 at 8th Street, will be used for TNR for this designated colony.

After all cats have been TNR, the outstanding balance (or new donations for this colony) will be kept in this specific fund for future TNR on any new cats that show up.

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TNR… we need your help.

TNR is a great way for your business to make Waco a better community for us all!

PARTICIPATE IN THE TNR PROGRAM & YOUR BUSINESS WILL RECEIVE:

- Custom-letter from us that can be displayed and/or passed on to your patrons to tell them of your philanthropic generosity.
- Regular updates on our progress.
- A "Please do not feed the feral cats" or "This is a Monitored Colony" sign to display outside, with our contact info.
- TNR materials to have on-hand to give to your customers.
- Daily monitoring by our designated "feeders" – or Feral Cat Caregivers – who ensure that the cats are fed on a daily basis at our clean, contained feeding stations, and to monitor for new cats with swift TNR.
- Posted "PURRS TO" at our website, www.HOTFeralFriends.com
- Peaceful co-existence with these feral cats – and no more kittens!

Please act now by committing $200 each to helping us humanely get this feral cat colony under control with TNR.

If you need more information, please contact us:

Volunteer Amy Oakley, 254-732-3413
Volunteer Cindy Grones, 254-717-9130
Animal Birth Control Clinic Executive Director Carrie Kuehl, 254-722-2878.

You may also contact Jill Mashburn, owner of Common Grounds.

Our volunteers are ready now and we can begin trapping as soon as Aug. 28. Please say you'll make the decision to help us so we can get started immediately. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Amy Oakley
Volunteer, Heart of Texas Feral Friends
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Heart of Texas Feral Friends is a volunteer group of the Animal Birth Control Clinic, a 501c(3) organization. The Animal Birth Control Clinic provides low-cost spay/neuter and other low-cost pet wellness services.