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## **County staff volunteer to manage feral cat population**

*Arapahoe County partners with local organizations and residents to support an effort to manage homeless, feral and stray cats in eastern Arapahoe County*

ARAPAHOE COUNTY, CO --- In April, Arapahoe County employees raised more than \$600 at a bake sale to support the Feral Cat program. These funds will be used to offset the cost to spay/neuter feral cats in the eastern portion of the County.

The project began after zoning inspectors noticed high populations of feral cats (non-domesticated cats) in Byers and Strasburg. Local veterinarians explained that the feral cat population is quickly growing out of control. In an effort to manage the growing population, the County partnered with the Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance and Feline Fix to offer discounted services to spay/neuter feral and stray cats.

Since taxpayer dollars are not used for the spay/neutering services, Arapahoe County is accepting monetary donations. Just look for a donation can at one of these supporting businesses:

- Arapahoe County Sheriff Substation
- Country Burger
- Byers General Store
- Strasburg Vet Clinic
- KT'S Famous BBQ
- Western Hardware
- Byers Guaranty Bank
- Hardware Hanks
- Arapahoe County Clerk's Office
- Byers American Feed Store

Cats that are spayed and neutered enjoy a safer and more comfortable existence, free of the mating behaviors that annoy neighbors and threaten feline lives (roaming, fighting, spraying, yowling and giving birth over and over again). By sterilizing and managing feral cats, countless unwanted kittens are prevented from being born on the streets.

Residents interested in getting spay/neutering services for feral cats in their neighborhood, can call 720-874-6710.

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