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## **Donate dollars 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 --- Last month, Arapahoe County employees raised more than \$800 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 that live without human contact) in Byers and Strasburg. Local veterinarians explained that the population of feral cats is growing quickly 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.

To support the effort, Arapahoe County is accepting monetary donations to pay for the spay and neutering services. To make donating easy, donation cans are located throughout the community at supporting businesses:

- Country Burger
- Byers Library
- Byers American Feed Store
- Byers General Store
- Strasburg Vet Clinic
- KT'S Famous BBQ
- Rookies Bar
- D's Liquor Store
- Becca's Espresso
- Hardware Hanks

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. Taxpayer dollars are not used for the spay/neutering services.

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To download a photo click on the link: <ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Photos/FeralCat/>

**Stray\_Cat1:** Support Arapahoe County as it helps homeless, stray and feral cats in eastern Arapahoe County.

**Feralcatbakesale:** Arapahoe County staff Mary Zaitz and Thea Thompson work a bake sale that raised \$800 to help pay for the spaying/neutering of stray cats in Eastern Arapahoe County.