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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, residents of Byers and Strasburg attended a workshop on *How Rural Communities Can Help Feral Cats*. The workshop explained how local residents can get involved with the nationally recognized method for humanely controlling free roaming cat populations – to spay and neuter more homeless cats.

To help support the effort, Arapahoe County and its partners Divine Feline, Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance and Feline Fix, are accepting monetary donations to pay for the spay and neutering services. To make donating easy, donation cans will be placed throughout the community. Thank you to the following businesses which have offered to provide donation cans at their location:

- 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

The feral cat 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 from the area explained that the population of feral cats is growing quickly out of control.

In an effort to manage the growing population, the County has partnered with the Divine Feline, Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance and Feline Fix to build awareness of the issue and provide a mobile clinic day with discounted services to spay/neuter feral and stray cats.

Cats that are spayed and neutered enjoy a safer and more comfortable existence, free of the mating behaviors that annoy neighbors and threaten their 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.

Taxpayer dollars will not be used for the spay/neutering services. For more information, call 720-874-6711.

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Stray_Cat1: Help Arapahoe County and Divine Feline help homeless, stray and feral cats in eastern Arapahoe County.