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Dear Friend and Supporter,

2025 will mark TEN YEARS that Stray H.E.L.P. volunteers have served Dutchess County, NY residents; helping our neighbors help the cats they love.

Over these years our all-volunteer organization has fine-tuned our vital community programs such as our primary Trap/Neuter/Return or Place program, Crunchies and Munchies which feeds over 200 cats every day, and Keeping Families Together.

We have reached more Dutchess communities by expanding our efforts and thus helping more cats.

We could not do it without YOU, our supporter, and we thank you.

Stray H.E.L.P. volunteers believe one of the biggest impacts we can have in alleviating animal suffering is to empower community members with the knowledge and tools they need to assist cats they care about in their own neighborhoods. We do this by training TNR best practices and coaching participants during active TNR projects.

Stray H.E.L.P. loans the necessary equipment to safely and humanely capture cats for spay/neuter surgery and hold them for a short recovery period after their surgery. Through our coaching and educational guidance, we have helped rescuers in counties throughout the Hudson Valley and even as far away as Ozone, AR and Marion, NC to navigate difficult situations and to help them make a positive difference in the lives of cats in their communities through TNR.

Happy with our work, Dutchess County Department of Health continues to partner with us by providing some of the funding in our budget for community cat spay/neuter. The Town of Fishkill has included in its 2025 budget low-cost spay/neuter certificates for its residents. This successful program will continue into the new year.

Over these ten years, Stray H.E.L.P. volunteers have assisted over 7,500 cats to receive spay/neuter and vaccination services, we have placed over 1,000 cats and kittens into loving homes, and we actively manage feral cat colonies at over 30 locations throughout mid to lower Dutchess County, providing food, shelters where we can, and medical care when needed.

All of this with your generous financial support.

100% of your financial contribution supports cats within Dutchess County.

2025: Celebrating TEN YEARS of service in Dutchess County!

**“Trap Training”
in Stormville, NY**

**Stray H.E.L.P.
Healthcare & Education
to Limit Population**



You may remember Patience's incredible story from 2023. Neighbors fed and sheltered Patience for many years but were unable to capture her to be spayed and vaccinated. Stray H.E.L.P. was asked to assist; volunteers caught her and provided life-saving medical care. Patience no longer endures the cycle of reproduction and birthing. After a few months of medical rehabilitation, foster mom sought to continue working with her for socialization. Today, Patience has grown into a loving cat that has bonded with her foster mom. She now enjoys the luxury of a cushy chair and the safety of a loving home; she is downright pushy for attention, and we could not be happier for her!



In June of 2021 young Stetson was humanely trapped but was NOT adoptable at the time. He was returned to his colony where his caretaker, Sally, continued to feed and love him - from a distance. Sally kept working with Stray H.E.L.P. volunteers to conduct TNR for new cats that came to her property over the years. Sadly, Sally passed away in April 2024. Stray H.E.L.P. volunteers assumed ongoing care for the colony. In May, TNR resumed and, as fate had it, Stetson was unintentionally re-trapped. Turns out, he had become friendly. It was his time to come off the streets! After a short time in foster, Stetson was adopted in July 2024 and is now living his best life!



Stray H.E.L.P. volunteers that serve as colony caretakers feed over two hundred cats every day. They are the bridge between community cats and the services and care those cats need to live a safer life. **Early this year, while making his "rounds," a volunteer spotted a cat being chased by a group of cruel people.** Terrified, the cat ran into traffic and was dodging cars in her effort to get away from her abusers. Natasha, as she was later named, was saved that night when our volunteer stopped in the middle of the street to follow her; he was able to approach her and pick her up.

Now Natasha is in a peaceful, loving home of another volunteer!

It is with the support of friends like you that Stray H.E.L.P. is able to continue helping community cats. We are grateful to you for your commitment to rescuing the cats that live right here, behind the scenes, in our own back yards. I encourage you to continue supporting Stray H.E.L.P. by making a tax-deductible donation today. Having good people like you involved will ensure Stray H.E.L.P. remains a strong and effective organization. Thank you for your partnership! Heartfelt wishes for a joyful 2025,

Ann LaGoy, president, Stray H.E.L.P., Inc

YES! I WANT TO HELP SUPPORT STRAY H.E.L.P.'S VITAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Please accept my tax-deductible donation so Stray H.E.L.P. can continue saving and improving the lives of Community Cats. Online donations can be made through our website: strayhelp.org, or by scanning the QR codes. Checks can be mailed to the address below.



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