

Friends of Felines

2008 Annual Report

Friends and Supporters:

I am pleased to report that with your support 2008 was a very successful year rescuing stray and feral cats. It was also a record year in terms of funds raised to support our activities. Specifically;

- We were the recipient of \$21,000 in grants
- Friends of Felines received \$15,596 in private donations
- In-Kind donations totaled \$5,033

Total income for the year was \$41,629. In 2004, our first year in existence, we raised \$124 in donations so this is quite an accomplishment. The generosity of our supporters has allowed us to aggressively take on projects that would have not been financially feasible in the past. In September of 2008 we were able to take advantage of purchasing a 1999 Ford Expedition that had been repossessed by a local bank. While it had 90K miles it was in amazingly good condition. Since the bank is familiar with our organization we were able to acquire it for \$2,500. The book value is over \$10,000. This enables us to handle trapping projects with much greater ease. Previously some volunteers did not have a vehicle that would be suitable to handle the traps and trapping support material.

We also purchased 36 new style traps to supplement our current inventory. While these new traps were considerably more expensive they are very high tech and the danger of one of the cats being injured is very remote since they are not spring loaded.

Friends of Felines volunteers supported 5 feral colonies in 2008 with a total of 150 cats. For 2008 we purchased 2,000 lbs. of dry food and 3,000 cans of wet food. This food was used to support our colonies and provide food for free or at a reduced costs to those who wanted to maintain their cats, but have financial limitations. A detailed form requesting assistance is available on our website: www.felinefriendsks.com. All these requests for assistance (trapping, medical, and food) are reviewed at our monthly board meetings.

Our expenses for 2008 were as follows:

Medical/Vet	\$8,449	44%
Cat Food	\$3,183	16%
Automobile Expense	\$3,004	16%
Supplies	\$1,979	10%
Insurance for		
Car and Trailers	\$1,029	5%
Medical Supplies	\$829	4%
Storage Rental	\$550	3%
Adjustment	\$300	2%
Other Expense	\$30	0
Salaries,Other Overhead	\$0	0

In 2008 we tackled 25 trapping projects and spayed or neutered 144 cats and either returned them to their previous location where arrangements were made for their shelter and care or placed them in one of our managed colonies.

The President of Friends of Felines, Ray Huff, was named as the Pet Person of the Year by the Wichita Veterinary Association for his efforts in both rescuing cats and helping individuals and communities implement spay/neuter programs.

During 2008 representatives of our organization made presentations promoting TNR to numerous localities and civic groups.

While 2008 was a very successful year we foresee 2009 and beyond being even more challenging due to the economic downturn. Oftentimes, cats and

other pets become collateral damage as families go through serious financial difficulties. We see an increase in our medical and food costs at the same time we are receiving more and more requests for assistance. While we have done a project in Western Kansas 300 miles away we have more than we can possible handle in our immediate area.

Thanks to all for your financial and moral support of our mission to rescue stray and feral cats.

Ray Huff
President