

Press Release

GREEN ACRES (and Cheney) IS THE PLACE FOR CATS

Spring has sprung early, and SpokAnimal is dealing with a huge overpopulation of cats. We are now handling 60% more cats than dogs. While we have not euthanized a healthy, adoptable dog for the past few years, cats/kittens are another matter. While sterilization will make a difference in the future, what can SpokAnimal do NOW?

We are happy to announce our new program FARM LIVIN' IS THE LIFE FOR ME. By developing and implementing a cooperative program with area farmers, SpokAnimal is serving as a resource for both shelters and farms in need. When a trapped cat comes in, if there are farms available, we will sterilize the cat (if it has not been done previously) and place it in a welcoming barn. This program will work ONLY if there are farms waiting, so SpokAnimal is kicking off the program by asking area farmers to call us if they have a ready barn. We are pursuing funding for this program, but we will start immediately for those already sterilized upon admission. So far this year, with the initial test program in place, we have placed over 45 cats in farm homes. We anticipate with additional funding, to place 150-200 cats. Our area is handling about 1,200 feral cats per year, and this program would help us make a huge dent in those numbers as well as effecting future numbers. Please call SpokAnimal if you would like to be a part of this program at 509-534-8133.