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## for The Love of Cats

In 2000, we had the luxury of devoting our full-time efforts to the love of cats. First our emotions swayed us to establish a sanctuary for orphaned adult cats, as they are often euthanized when relinquished. Soon after, we began a TNR program to assist caregivers better manage their colonies by providing them with free spay/neuter help.

Yet as these programs evolved we learned: No matter how many cats we sheltered, there would always be more we could not. And no matter how many free-roaming cats we fixed there would always be more abandoned pets adding to their numbers.

Why? Because pet cats often lose their homes simply because their caregivers lack the money to fix them or provide them with essential veterinary care. So we decided to address this root problem instead. This reduces shelter intake *and* stems feral colony growth. Best of all — these at-risk cats may keep their forever homes forever.

So that is what we do today — provide access to essential veterinary care for cats with low-income guardians so they keep their homes. And — through community outreach — we work with other nonprofits to fix cats our program can't easily reach. We can't think of a better way to show our love of cats than this — can you?

## About Us

The Zimmer Feline Foundation is a 501(c)3 private operating foundation working in north and central New Mexico to strengthen the bond between low-income caregivers and their pet cats by offering free-and-local spay/neuter and essential veterinary care assistance. Since 2010, we've serviced more than 18,000 New Mexico cats.

*For complete and up-to-date program information, visit our web site — or call us with your questions. We take phone calls between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays (except major holidays) and return voice mails promptly during those hours.*



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## for The Love of Cats Programs — providing essential veterinary care for low-income cats.

### Free Spay/Neuter Vouchers



Our *Pet Cat Spay/Neuter Program* provides vouchers (redeemable at participating clinics) for a free spay or neuter. Eligibility is based on a variety of factors including household income and home adherence to essen-

tial cat care principles.

To apply, simply call us and complete a brief telephone application. If we can approve it, we'll mail a voucher to you for each unfixed cat in your indoor permanent care — usually the very next working day. We have no waiting list and process applications year-round.

As soon as you receive your vouchers, simply set up appointments with one of our participating veterinary clinics and when you bring your cats in for surgery, give the clinic our vouchers. If you just get the work itemized on the voucher done it won't cost you any money to use them. It's free!

*Surgeries are done at participating veterinary clinics in twelve north and central New Mexico Counties.*

### Veterinary Care Vouchers

It's hard not to think of him as a "family member". He greets you when you come home, purrs when you pet him, runs to you when you feed him and jumps into bed to cuddle with you while you sleep.

So when he's not feeling well you're understandably concerned and want to have a doctor examine him. But for many, that trip



to the vet is out of reach because the money to pay for it simply isn't there. You may search the web for treatments you can do on your own, but when they don't work you

still have a sick cat to help — and the longer you put off treatment, the worse the problem may become.

Through our *Veterinary Care Program*, qualified applicants can receive a voucher to cover up to \$300 of the cost to treat a minor non-emergency health issue costing less than \$600 overall — such as a bite wound, injury or infection. *Cats must be over 3 months old and previously sterilized.*

### Community Cat Outreach

Our *Community Cat Outreach Program* began a few years ago when we started partnering with other New Mexico nonprofits to increase the numbers of cats they (and we) can reach with free spay/neuter assistance. In 2017 it accounted for about 60% of our total cat sterilizations.

These partnerships focus largely on the cats we don't reach through our pet cat program (including feral cats, yard cats and barn cats) and provide partnering nonprofits with the funding they need to carry on their important work.

*We currently have community cat partnerships operating in McKinley, Rio Arriba, and Santa Fe counties and welcome others.*

