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# Semi-Annual Veterinary Update

for The Love of Cats Programs

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Low-Income Spay/Neuter Vouchers

## In 2015 We Helped 3,583 Cats Keep Their Forever Homes

2015 was a banner year for us. We invested \$264,000 in servicing 3,583 low-income cats in 15 New Mexico counties. This averaged out to just \$74 per cat — considerably less than the community cost of surrendering them to shelters or abandoning them outdoors to reproduce in cat colonies.

What pleases us most about these programs is the broad veterinary clinic participation — 29 private and nonprofit clinics in 17 different cities. New Mexico is an expansive state and by working through local clinics we reach people who can't travel to a hub for veterinary care.

If you are one of our participating clinics you have our sincere admiration — the community service you're providing is monumental. If you aren't a participating clinic and would like to become one, visit our web site or call us for full information.



Veterinary Care Vouchers

## For 2016 We've Broadened Our Veterinary Care Assistance

To further help low-income caregivers keep their cats long-term, we expanded our voucher program in 2014 to include veterinary care vouchers for treatable health issues and injuries. For 2016 we've expanded our covered services to provide vouchers for cats that are sick or injured regardless of the reason.

To qualify, the recipient must meet all of our spay/neuter eligibility requirements and be currently receiving food stamps (which is *not* a spay/neuter voucher requirement). If the cat is not fixed, they must agree to get him fixed as part of the treatment plan (at our expense). Vouchers cover up to \$300

toward diagnosis and treatment. This should at least get the caregiver a vet's perspective on the problem and provide some rudimentary care. Since caregivers are limited to one voucher per household we trust they'll use discretion when they apply. Full details are on our web site.

New Mexico Cats Serviced By The Numbers				
	Low-Income Spay/Neuter	Acute Vet Care Assistance	Community Spay/Neuter	Total
2015	1,950	69	1,564	3,583
2010-2014	6,284	58	676	7,018
Total Program	8,234	127	1,250	10,601



Community Cat Outreach

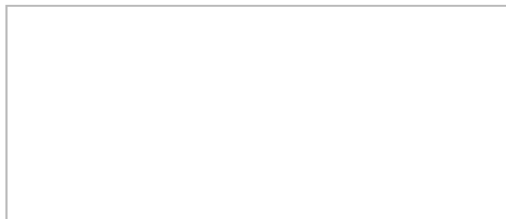


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Want to help lower cat euthanasia rates and stem the growth of feral cat colonies all in one move? Join our *for* **The Love of Cats** programs and help us provide free-and-local spay/neuter and acute veterinary care for low-income cats.

These cats rarely come from shelters (who fix them *before* adoption) but are rescued outdoors or passed from one home to the next still intact. Without money for prompt sterilization, they often lose their homes when their intact behaviors (yowling, spraying and kitting) become too much for their caregivers to handle. By simply helping these cats keep their homes — we reduce shelter intake *and* stem feral cat colony growth. *What a great way to do community service!*

Call or visit our web site for clinic registration information.