



ZIMMER FELINE FOUNDATION

for The Love of Cats Programs

2019 Annual Report

Celebrating 10 Years of Free-and-Local Cat Spay/Neuter!

Little did we know when we moved to New Mexico in 2009 — that in ten years’ time — we would have funded free-and-local spay/neuter for over 30,000 cats!



We started in 2010 with our *Cat Spay of Santa Fe* voucher program targeting pet cats in the city of Santa Fe. But within a year we had participating vet clinics in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and San Miguel counties. And

today that network has grown to over 30 participating clinics in 13 counties — south to Roswell and north to Raton.

With that in place, in 2014 we looked for ways to help other cats — feral cats, yard cats, barn cats — even those in foster care — as these groups fell outside of our voucher program guidelines. And concluded we could best help by simply funding the low-cost spay/neuter work being done by other New Mexico nonprofits. Through these community partnerships free cat spay/neuter could be available to all cats. And — with this expansion — we re-labeled our programs “for **The Love of Cats**” — as what greater way could we show our love of cats?

To all the clinics and nonprofits that partner with us to provide free spay/neuter, thank you — as it’s your efforts that make these programs the success they are. And your commitment is sincerely appreciated by us and all the caregivers (and cats) you’ve helped.

Our Cat Programs at a Glance

New Mexico Cats Serviced By Program				
	Voucher Spay/Neuter	Voucher Vet Care	Community Spay/Neuter	Total
2019	1,688	51	4,728	6,467
2010-2018	13,079	320	10,662	24,061
Total	14,767	371	15,390	30,528

Companion Cat Spay/Neuter Vouchers:

“Thanks for Miss Honey’s voucher. She’s in great health and recovered beautifully from her operation. This gives me great peace of mind.”-- Charlie, Taos



This is our first New Mexico program. It targets companion pet cats in homes with household incomes under \$50,000 and strives to provide them with the same level of care that paying-customers’ cats receive when they’re fixed.

All vouchers include a pre-surgery exam, the spay or neuter surgery itself (including pregnant or in-heat spays and cryptorchid neuters), post-op pain medicine and a rabies shot.

For clinics who wish to add more service, we also pay for an optional FVRCP vaccination, a microchip and treatment of visible parasites. And if a cat comes in with a minor health issue — such as an infection or injury — we can help with that too through our *Veterinary Care Program*.

Our Cat Programs at a Glance *(continued)*

Companion Cat Veterinary Care Vouchers:

"Thanks to the Lord and to you, Qui-Gon is well and happy again!" – Mark, Mountainair



This program stands alone or can be used with the spay/neuter vouchers to treat minor, non-emergency illnesses or injuries – with our voucher paying up to \$300. We hope that by making prompt veterinary assistance available to low-

income pet cats, caregivers may seek treatment before a minor problem blossoms into something more serious (and expensive) to treat.

Covered services include diagnostic exams, minor lab work, blood-pressure testing, x-rays and in-house ultrasounds and treatments for acute health issues including fluid therapy, medications and wound care.

Community Cat Outreach:

Our Foundation is fortunate to be well-funded for the work it does and strives to provide as much spay/neuter help as it can for *all* New Mexico cats.

Our voucher program – as effective as it is in fixing pet cats – is simply not designed to help with all the other cats – barn cats, yard cats, feral cats – or even those in foster care waiting for a permanent home.

Other New Mexico nonprofits – that operate their own high-volume and low-cost spay/neuter clinics or have formal cat assistance programs doing adoptions or providing TNR assistance for feral cats are better equipped to work with these cats. Yet to keep their programs running they often have to charge a fee for the surgery and this can limit, slow-down or even prevent altogether getting cats fixed even at the reduced fee.



By our partnering with these nonprofits we can pay these fees so the caregivers can receive free spay/neuter too – and can often receive hands-on help with live-trapping feral cats. So this is what we started to do in 2014 – and it is now our largest program – servicing over 4,700 cats in 2019 alone.

Our current partnerships fall into three categories:

Espanola Humane in Rio Arriba County and ***McKinley County Humane*** in Gallup offer free spay/neuter for all cats fixed at their clinics.

Animal Humane New Mexico in Albuquerque and ***Animal Welfare Coalition*** in Las Vegas provide free TNR for feral cats in their area and can help caregivers safely catch their cats by providing live traps.

And ***Felines & Friends New Mexico*** in Santa Fe is our newest partnership – with our providing free spay/neuter and limited wellness care to the cats in their foster care. Their surgeries – and Animal Welfare Coalition's – are done at the ***Santa Fe Animal Shelter Spay/Neuter Clinic***.

In 2020 we look forward to continuing these partnerships as well as opening our umbrella to other like-minded nonprofits dedicated to ensuring all cats have access to free-and-local spay/neuter. Contact us for more information.

About Us

The ***Zimmer Feline Foundation*** is a private operating foundation founded in 1980. Its focus on cats began in 2000 in Michigan and since 2010 has worked in New Mexico. Through both locations it has fixed about 45,000 cats.




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