

UPDATE FROM ATLANTIC BEACH CATS INC.

A 501(C)(3) Non-Profit Organization

Background and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program

- Abandonment of pets over the years by seasonal Atlantic Beach residents is a root cause of our feral cat population.
- ABCats promotes and advocates for effective methods to control and reduce the cat population, working toward a goal of 100% sterilization.
- TNR is the proven humane, non-lethal method of feline population control. It is used nationwide, is more effective than trap and kill, and is reflective of a caring society.
- Cats are spayed/neutered, receive rabies vaccine, & are eartipped for proper identification.
- We must contribute to a reduction of the nation's appalling estimate of the annual euthanization of **seven million companion animals**.

Achievements in the Community

- Approximately 89% of feral cats have gone through the AB TNR Program since its January 2005 inception. That means thousands (that's right, THOUSANDS) of cats have been prevented from being born, and the cat population within AB continues its downward trend.
- Lost cats have been reunited with owners and friendly strays have been placed in loving homes.
- We have been contacted by other local communities to assist with their start-up TNR Program, modeled after the Atlantic Beach Program.

Endorsements

- PETCO Foundation
- The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)
- Neighborhood Cats of NYC
- The Village of Atlantic Beach
- Response to ABCats Inc. has been overwhelmingly positive by AB residents.
- Thank-you to AB resident and Sacred Heart School student, Jennifer Pappalardo, for selecting ABCats as the subject of her project for environmental study.
- Thank-you to AB resident and Lawrence Woodmere Academy School President, Lauren Brenner, for chairing LWA's fundraiser/education program on behalf of ABCats. LWA students supported our program by raising more than \$250!

Contact Us – 371-4600

- Tip Sheet for Keeping Cats Out of Your Yard
- Order Cat Stop or Scarecrow motion-activated deterrent devices.
- Lost Housepet Hotline
- Adoption Opportunities could include kittens or discarded/lost friendly strays. Cats are rescued and readied for adoption.

Donations Needed for Spay/Neuter, Medical, Food, and Equipment

- Donate online: www.atlanticbeachcats.com
- ABCats Inc. – 65 The Plaza – P.O. Box 189 – Atlantic Beach, New York 11509
- Look for us on Beach Pass Sign-Up days!
- We get **Cash for Your Trash!** Drop-off box is in Village Office for: empty inkjet or laser cartridges, cell 'phones, laptops with power cords, PDA's.
- Thank you for making our Valentine's Day Bake Sale a big success.

DON'T LET YOUR PET ROAM. BE SURE HE HAS I.D. & STRETCH/ BREAK-AWAY COLLAR IN THE EVENT HE DOES.

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER and REMEMBER ABCATS INC!