

Addendum to June 3, 2019 - Borough Council Minutes

Kali's Mission

Report to Towanda Borough Council

June 3, 2019

The first meeting of Kali's Mission (TNR) program was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Individuals from the following organizations attended:

- 1) Bradford County Humane Society
- 2) The Animal Care Sanctuary from E. Smithfield
- 3) Towanda Creek Animal Hospital
- 4) You Too Animal Rescue

A total of 15 individuals were at the meeting

Topics Discussed Included:

Veterinarian Services:

- 1) Costs – Animal Care Sanctuary \$65.00 per cat
Available 1 time per month or by special appt.
- 2) Towanda Creek – Dr. Kaleta - \$54.00 male \$74.00 female
Available every other Thursday- next available 6/20/19
Both will include rabies vaccine and ear tipping

Traps can be obtained from:

- 1) Animal Care Sanctuary – deposit required but not stated in letter
- 2) Bradford County Humane Society - \$50.00 deposit per trap
- 3) You Too Animal Rescue – no deposit
Deposits will be refunded upon return of trap

Tracking System:

We were able to obtain information from an organization called Alley Cat Allies. This information included steps on how to start a TNR program as well as forms that can be used to track cats who have been involved in the TNR program.

Advertising:

We talked about the need for advertising. We need to make the community aware of the program.

Advertising will educate residents about the program and scheduled trappings in their area.

We will use social media (Facebook, Instagram, websites etc. to do as much free advertising as possible. We discussed the use of the Channel 17 (Leased access) advertising system and the borough website as additional options for advertising.

Funding:

Our plan is to obtain funding through fund raisers and donations as much as possible. We have already received 3 thirteen-pound bags of cat food from Tractor Supply in Wysox. We have also contacted Chewy.com and have been told that if we can get a program started, we may be able to receive some donations (i.e. supplies) from them.

Some possible grant programs include: Bissell Pet Foundation and the Bradford County Humane Society spay/neuter grants.

However, we still will need financial support from the borough to make this program successful. We are looking to council to provide funding to cover the veterinarian costs of the program.

Please keep in mind it is not the animal population that is at fault, it is the fault of people. There is a lot more that can be done with the program. We hope we have your support.



Animal Care
SANCTUARY
sharing our home until they share yours

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May 30, 2019

Charlotte Parks

Dear Mrs. Parks:

Animal Care Sanctuary is anxious to participate in TNR in Towanda. The Community Clinic will spay or neuter all cats for \$65.00 including rabies and ear tipping. We also have traps to lend with deposit that is returned when traps are brought back.

If anyone needs assistance or training on how to trap we are happy to assist. ACS is proud to be a part of making Towanda a role model for other communities in the county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Smith-Reese".

Joan Smith-Reese
Executive Director