Becky Robinson is President and Founder of Alley Cat Allies, the nation’s leading national cat advocacy organization, and leads the movement to protect and improve the lives of all domestic cats.

Becky founded Alley Cat Allies in 1990 after discovering a colony of alley cats in a Washington, DC neighborhood. Learning the local animal control advocated killing them, Becky resolved to protect the cats and vowed community cats everywhere would no longer be victims of lethal animal control policies. Determined to chart a course on animal control and shelter industry reform, she introduced Trap/Neuter/Return to the United States and developed TNR best practices that are still in place today. She also established three spay/neuter clinics in the Washington, DC area that are models for feral cat veterinary care.

Becky is one of the most influential and recognized authorities on feral cats. Her book, The Evolution of the Cat Revolution, documents 25 years of pioneering efforts to revolutionize the way cats are treated in the United States. She has also written many campaign materials and articles, including as a columnist for Huffington Post and CatChannel. A highly sought-after authority, Becky meets with groups and policymakers throughout the U.S. as well as in Europe, New Zealand and Australia. She is recognized as a passionate speaker for cats with a self-deprecating sense of humor that makes her an engaging and authoritative presenter. She is the recipient of New Zealand’s Companion Animal Council’s Assisi Award for outstanding service to animals. Under her leadership, Alley Cat Allies’ campaigns have been featured on top media networks, ranging from NBC Nightly News and PBS to the Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

Becky holds an M.A. in Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and a B.A. in Social Work from Bethany College. She lives with her husband, Ed, and five cats in Arlington, VA, where she cares for a feral cat colony.

Cats are America’s number one pet, but they are also the most likely to face death in the nation’s animal pounds and shelters: more than 70 percent of cats who enter are killed there. Robinson is spearheading the movement to help shelters transform policies and implement humane programs to save cats’ lives.