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Happy 32nd ANNIVERSARY Alley Cat Allies

Celebrating victories from our 31st yearall possible thanks to YOU!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

'm so excited to celebrate another Alley Cat Allies anniversary! Incredibly, this is our 32nd year, now with more than 800.000 supporters like you.

If you're one of the many incredible supporters who've been with us for years-or even since day one-thank you for empowering us to save lives as the premier powerhouse organization for cats and all animals. If this is the first time you're reading about us, welcome! We invite you to join the movement. too.

Through fearless innovation, Alley Cat Allies has made monumental change in society's treatment of animals. We exposed and dismantled lethal control, which is old-school, tried-and-failed and ethically unsound. We brought lifesaving programs, once considered radical, to communities in all corners of the map, including Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), the only humane, effective approach for cats living outdoors.

Today, we are fighting harder than ever to outlaw deadly policies in every community, enact humane, evidence-based laws and programs, and tirelessly confront cruelty against cats and all animals.

Just this summer, we took immediate action to save sick and injured cats and dogs suffering with no medical care in Louisiana. While designing the blueprint for systemic change, we wasted no time and moved more than 140 animals from cramped, filthy cages into a safe and enriching environment where we provided long overdue veterinary treatment. They are now with credible organizations where they will find loving adoptive homes!

Connect with me online:





You, our supporters, are the reason this victory was possible. Through that same strategic compassion, we will stop similar cruelty in the Berkeley County Animal Control in West Virginia ... ensure cats are never again shot and killed in California's East Bay Parks or the Port of Newcastle, Australia...push for killers of cats like Mr. Meow to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law ... and so much more.

In this issue of Alley Cat Action, you'll read about just some of the incredible victories in our 31st year together. But the work is far from over. We need you with us more than ever in this movement.

For cats and all animals.

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Becky Robinson • President and Founder

Planned Giving

Learn how you can invest in a brighter future for cats with a planned gift at *alleycat.org/PlannedGiving* (CFC#10964) (EIN #52-1742079) or for more information. call 866-309-6207.



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Making Critica hange for **Cats After** Hurricane Ida

Alley Cat Allies President and Founder Becky Robinson touched down on the Gulf Coast 48 hours after Hurricane Ida with a plane of critical supplies for animals. We brought generators, veterinary triage kits, cat and dog food, and other items

trongest allies in Louisiana. **AUG '21**

cat in the care of Big Sky Rai

This summer, Alley Cat Allies

celebrates our 32nd anniversarv

for rescue and urgent care. YOU made it possible for us to save lives!



OUR MISSION:

To transform

and develop

communities

to protect and

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improve the lives

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as the global leader in the movement to protect cats and all animals. But most of all, we celebrate you! Together, we have saved countless animals' lives worldwide-this year and every day of our three-decade legacy.

Because you stood with us and raised your voice, we stopped dangerous laws against animals from being passed. We spearheaded real change through nonlethal, evidence-based laws, programs, and policies that protect animals and center humane values that strengthen our society.

So in honor of our 32nd year, we'd like to share with you some of the incredible victories your support, generosity, and advocacy made possible. Be proud: These successes are yours, and there is so much more to come!





October 2021! Our advocacy osie's claws are an important par together is of her anatomy and scratching is a turning cat natural and instinctive behavior. **OCT '21** declawing from a cruel mainstream

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procedure to a dark relic of the past.

Texas Passes Lifesaving Microchip Law

Texas' law requiring shelters and rescues to immediately scan an animal in their custody for a microchip went into effect.

Alley Cat Allies was the number one supporter of the law and advocates like you sealed the deal!

Alley Cat Allies has advocated for immediate microchip scanning protocols for decades

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ALL THANKS TO YOU



ritical care through Alley Cat llies' tornado disaster response in Mayfield, KY. FEB '27

invested in a humane future by bringing low-cost spay and neuter and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) to the most impacted area—Mayfield, Kentucky. The community is enthusiastic to help their cats!



After providing lifesaving funding for emergency veterinary care for cats impacted by the Heartland Tornadoes of December 2021, Alley Cat Allies



reamsicle stretches on the Atlant Citv Boardwalk in New Jersev. Learn more at alleycat.org/ **StopDeclawing APR '22**

Maryland **Becomes Second State** to Ban Cat Declawing

Alley Cat Allies President and Founder Becky Robinson wrote in support of this lifesaving ban and rallied advocates alongside our friends at The Paw Project. The ban goes into effect on October 1 and will protect Maryland's cats from the cruel, crippling procedure that is declawing.



community cat in Louisiana, whose feline family memb<u>ers</u> went missing with presumed cruelty involved. Our Stop Cruelty to Cats campaign is supporting an investigation MAR '22

Launching a Groundbreaking Anti-Crueltv **Initiative**

2022

Alley Cat Allies launched our Stop Cruelty to Cats campaign with the Humane Society of Louisiana to end the epidemic of violence toward cats and create initiatives to investigate, report, and prosecute animal cruelty to the fullest extent of the law. Cruelty by individuals or by institutions, this multi-pronged campaign confronts it all.



Dangerous Ordinance **Stopped in** Ravenswood, **West Virginia**

Because we mobilized supporters like you, leadership in Ravenswood did not go forward with an ordinance that would outlaw care of community cats and cause more cats to be impounded and killed

in shelters. We are offering our expertise on proven humane programs and provided a grant to local organization Operation Fancy Free, Inc.

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The Fight to SAVE LIVES GOES On Though we have accomplished incredible change, there is much more

win for the animals!

to do to create a world where cats and all animals are valued and protected. With you by our side, we WILL

Ending Cat Killing in Australia

Alley Cat Allies is seeking justice and change after the Port Authority of Port of Newcastle in New South Wales Australia, hired a contract killer to slaughter community cats in the dead of night

With your support, we're challenging Port of Newcastle to replace ineffective lethal policies with evidence-based

lifesaving approaches for cats and all animals. Learn more: alleycat.org/ Australia

oppa, a communit cat whose home wa along the manmade Stockton Breakwall in Newcastle, Australia

Alley Cat Allies and THE PAVV PROJECT are advocating to **protect cats** and *ban declawing**

*The surgical amputation of the last joints of a cat's toes

Take a Stand for Declawing Bans

This year, bills to end cruel, painful cat declawing are up for consideration in multiple states. Amputating the last joints from cats' toes is excruciating, causing a lifetime of pain and unintended consequences that often lead to cats being relinguished to shelters.

With your help, Alley Cat Allies will continue our staunch support for these bills and rally advocates to raise their voice in favor.

Stay updated at alleycat.org/Take-Action.

SAVE A CAT WITH A MOUSE



Support our work with cats and kittens. alleycat.org/Donate



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The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) based in Oakland, California, has operated for decades with a policy to kill cats in parklands, including shooting them in the dead of night. Alley Cat Allies is working to bring an end to lethal policy and enact humane, effective measures that will protect all animals. Learn more: alleycat.org/EastBay

> The slaughter of one species to purportedly save another is not only horrific but has historically failed. Killing is never the answer. Compassionate conservation based on science and focused on the well-being of all animals is the only way forward.

Justice for Mr. Meow

Alley Cat Allies is calling for the maximum punishment allowed by law for the California man accused of felony animal cruelty for killing tabby cat Mr. Meow. All cats deserve protection from animal cruelty wherever they live, and every cruelty perpetrator who walks free endangers us all.

There is an epidemic of violence toward cats in our society right now, and Alley Cat Allies is confronting it head on. Together, we WILL achieve justice for Mr. Meow and set a critical precedent for animal cruelty convictions nationwide.

Learn more: alleycat.org/ JusticeforMrMeow

Mr. Meow was only 18 months old when his life was cut viciously short. We are fighting for him, and all c<mark>ats who</mark> are or could be victims of cruelty

Breaking Status Quo of Cruelty in Berkeley County, West Virginia

Allev Cat Allies' in-depth investigation revealed that Berkeley County Animal Control shelter in West Virginia violated state law by routinely withholding critical veterinary treatment from animals. We're pursuing extraordinary iudicial remedies.

> Learn more: alleycat.org/ **Berkeley CountyWV**

Jacob, a cat Alley Cat Allies rescued from the Berkeley County Animal Control shelter in West Virginia.

New Beginnings Made **possible** by **you!**

Your support empowered us to give these cats the happy, healthy lives they deserve.



Simba the "Prison Cat"

Simba is one of the community cats who live and thrive on New Jersey prison grounds thanks to Alley Cat Allies' first-of-its-kind prison TNR program. For years, we have provided expertise, food, and veterinary visits to help staff and inmates care for the cats - who had an incredible impact on their health and happiness in turn. Simba is waiting to be adopted, and you could give him a new home!

Learn more: alleycat.org/Prison I alleycat.org/Adopt



A Family from Pharr Away

We drove mother cat Polly and her kittens Pipsqueak, Squiggles, Smoosh, Snacks, and Squirt on a long car journey from the border town of Pharr, Texas, all the way to Houston and into the care of our allies at Friends For Life (#Unsheltered). They were treated for ringworm and stayed together until the kittens were old enough to be spayed or neutered. Now they're onto the next exciting phase of their lives!

With just a few clicks, you can make a difference in cats' lives and help transform communities. Here are online resources to help:



Advocate for cats in your community. alleycat.org/CommunityChange



TAKE ACTION

Receive our action alerts and other emails alleycat.org/SignUp