

The Feral Herald

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Hi All,

I haven't been very good with keeping up with newsletters but I do have a few announcements so I thought I would combine them all into one!

Food pick up

Thursday, July 30th, is another pet food bank day at the Athens Area Humane Society. Pickup will be at the shelter at 1781 Mars Hill Road in Watkinsville between 3 and 6 p.m. You do not need to prove financial hardship to receive cat and/or dog food, but they will ask you to fill out a form with income information. After the first month, however, you do need to provide proof of current rabies vaccination, and after 3 months you need to provide proof of spay/neuter.

Earth Fare

Cat Zip Alliance/Campus Cats was the June Friend of the Month at Earth Fare. Thanks to all of you for shopping there that month and using your own bags, as we made almost \$1200! That's just from receiving 5 cents for every reused bag and the donation jars. We also had some really fun events, including a barbeque, a wine and vegan appetizer sampling evening, an art gallery with donated cat pieces from local artists, and a cat and dog treat baking workshop. Thank to all who donated, participated, and helped out!

Workplace giving

We are excited to report that we are now a member of Georgia Shares, so will be part of the workplace giving campaign kick off this October at UGA. We've had a number of folks ask us in the past how they can have a small amount automatically donated to us out of each paycheck, and now it will be possible! Stay tuned this fall for more info.

Farmer's Market

We will continue to have our booth the last Saturday of every month at the Athens Farmer's Market in Bishop Park from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The next day we will be there is August 29th. We'll have our homemade cat toys, dog biscuits, and our very own natural cotton shopping bags with the Cat Zip Alliance/Campus Cats logo in purple. We are all out of knit cat toys, so if anyone can make some, I have patterns (easy and hard), catnip, and cotton batting if you can supply the yarn and labor! Check the [Farmer's Market web site](#) for more info and directions.

Barn Cat program

We remove all cats under about 10-11 months old from campus. If they do not tame up well enough to be adopted out to a regular home, we relocate them to safe barn homes after they have been spayed/neutered and vaccinated. We are always in need of new farms to take kittens to, and in some cases can offer to pay for the spay or neuter of a couple existing cats in exchange for adopting several of ours.

What do we look for in a barn home?

- Shelter in outbuildings from the rain and cold
- No cat-killing dogs
- Someone willing to care for the cats for an initial confinement period in a pen or tack room
- Provide daily food and water when the cats are released

We'll travel up to 2 hours to deliver cats!

If any of you hear of upcoming horse festivals or other livestock events, please let us know so we can try to have our barn home recruitment booth there. **We'll be at the Horse Lover's Field Day in Banks County on August 29th.** Anyone want to come with us to staff the booth?

OneCause

For those of you who do a lot of internet shopping, we are now affiliated with [OneCause](#). When you make your everyday purchases through OneCause at hundreds of well-known merchants, you will earn much-needed contributions for Cat Zip Alliance, at no extra cost to you! All you do is access the merchants you regularly shop at - Amazon.com, Drs. Foster and Smith, and more - through the OneCause web site. Each merchant has agreed to give a small percentage of the sale to whatever charity you choose. If you find you always forgot to go to the One Cause web site before shopping, there is a OneCause Toolbar that can be installed so that we earn contributions on every eligible purchase plus up to 2 cents per qualified search. Learn more and install the [OneCause Toolbar](#).

Progress!

To date for 2009 we have TNR'd 20 cats and adopted out 29.

Adoptions

Amazingly, at this moment - knock on wood - Campus Cats has just two kitties needing homes. You can visit Momo and Manx on our [Adoptions](#) page. Kitty Crusaders has [several kitties up for adoption](#), including an adorable female Siamese named Almond - please consider these sweethearts if you are looking to add to your family.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Campus Cats (a program under Cat Zip Alliance) was formed with the following goal in mind: to humanely **reduce the number** of homeless cats on the UGA campus through TNR (trapping, spay/neuter, rabies vaccination & other vet care, kitten adoption, and the lifelong care & feeding of adult cats returned to their campus territories.) We are modeled after successful programs at a number of other universities that you can check out in our links section on our web site at www.catzip.org, or check out one of our favorite sites for more information on TNR:

[Neighborhood Cats](#)

[Alley Cat Allies](#)

[The Humane Society of the United States](#)

Sincerely,

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