**Vision Statement: “Create a compassionate community offering care for feral and stray cats."**

**Goals:**

1. **Rescue Stray Cats:**

○ Provide immediate shelter, medical care, and rehabilitation for stray cats in need.

○ Increase the number of successful adoptions into loving, permanent homes.

2. **Reduce Overpopulation:**

○ Implement comprehensive spay/neuter programs to control the community cat overpopulation.

○ Collaborate with local veterinarians to offer affordable or free spay/neuter services.

3. **Educate the Community:**

○ Raise awareness about the benefits of spaying/neutering and responsible pet ownership and guardianship.

○ Promote the humane management of community cat colonies through public outreach and education.

**Definitions: A community cat term used to refer to a Felis Catus that is unowned and lives outdoors. It includes socialized strays or unsocialized ferals. https://www.alleycat.org/resources/feral-and-stray-cats-an-important-difference/#Difference**

**Activities:**

1. **Rescue Operations:**

○ Conduct regular rescue missions to find and assist stray cats in distress.

○ Partner with local foster homes to provide temporary care for rescued cats.

2. **Create Stable Colony Sites:**

○ Create safe cat colony locations away from dangerous infrastructure with access to, or within Outdoor Catio enclosures.

○ Identify a primary caretaker that supervises the wellbeing of the community cat colony

○ Identify a Satellite location for access to an outdoor Catio that provides a safer location for unsafe cats. The same design can be used for other community cat colonies in safer locations.

3. **Volunteer and Foster Programs:**

○ Recruit and train volunteers to assist with rescue operations, care, and community outreach.

○ Develop a network of foster homes to provide temporary care for cats awaiting adoption.

4. **Adoption Initiatives:**

○ Organize adoption events and campaigns to find homes for rescued cats.

○ Screen and match potential adopters with cats to ensure successful, long-term placements.

5. **Spay/Neuter Programs:**

○ Organize TNVR (spay/neuter/vaccinate and return) clinics to reach underserved areas.

○ Procure vet care/meds at accessible costs for these communities, work deals with vets to secure low-cost vet clinics.

6. **Fundraising and Partnerships:**

○ Plan and execute fundraising events to support rescue, spay/neuter, and education programs.

○ Establish partnerships with local businesses, veterinarians, independent rescuers, other nonprofits aligned with animal welfare to enhance resources, collaboration and outreach.

7. **Community Education:**

○ Host workshops, seminars, and community events to educate the public about cat care and cat behavior in person and virtually.

○ Develop and distribute educational materials, such as brochures, flyers, and online content, to inform the community about the importance of spaying/neutering and community cat colony management.

ARTICLE II

○ Rescue community cats, stray or feral, and provide immediate shelter, transportation, medical care, and rehabilitation.

○ Find appropriate permanent home for the rescued cats and support activities that increase the number of successful adoptions into loving, permanent homes for these cats.

○ Implement a comprehensive spay/neuter and vaccinate programs to control and reduce the community cat overpopulation.

○ Establish collaboration with local veterinarians to offer affordable or free spay/neuter and vaccinate services.

○ Educate the community and raise awareness about the benefits of spaying/neutering and responsible pet ownership and guardianship.

○ Promote the humane management of community cat colonies through public outreach and education

○ Engage in activities to raise funds to support those charitable activities described above.

○ This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes that are specified in Section 501(c)(3) if the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III

NONE

ARTICLE IV

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, any assets remaining after payments, or provisions for payment of all debts and liabilities of this corporation ,shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes that are specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for charitable purposes.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall constitute carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as otherwise provided by section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, and this corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidates for public office including the publishing and distribution of statements.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall be distributed to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, officers, or other persons, with the exception that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions towards the purposes set forth in these Articles.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

1. by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
2. by a corporation contribution to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code