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## **The Cat Connection** Annual Report 2016

### **Mission**

The Cat Connection is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit no-kill organization whose primary mission is to rescue abandoned, stray, abused, neglected, unwanted, and injured cats, and to facilitate their adoption into responsible permanent homes. The second part of its mission is to control the feral cat population through our Trap-Neuter-Return-Maintain (TNRM) program, and trapping and socialization of feral kittens. To reduce cat abandonment, surrender, and unwanted breeding by pets, TCC supports low income families through spay/neuter vouchers, financial assistance for acute vet care, food and supplies. TCC serves the towns of Waltham, Watertown, Newton, Belmont, Arlington, Lexington, Allston, and Brighton.

### **Summary for FYE 2016**

The Cat Connection has made great progress reducing the feral and stray cat population in Waltham and surrounding cities for over 15 years; however, there are more stray or abandoned cats needing rescue and cats in the foster system needing permanent homes. To address this, The Cat Connection is working to open a shelter to add to its foster home network. TCC hopes to soon begin the renovation of an unused building rented from the City of Waltham to create a much-needed cage-less, no-kill cat shelter and central location for all of The Cat Connection's programs. TCC has created a Capital Campaign Committee that is actively raising funds to renovate and equip this building.

To prepare for the financial and organizational transition into a permanent shelter, TCC engaged volunteers in a strategic focus group to talk about the strengths and weaknesses of the organization and the opportunities and threats that await upon opening a permanent shelter. The Board of Directors used this information to develop a Strategic Plan that would move TCC forward in fundraising, communication, data management, and volunteer relations. TCC has already begun implementing this strategic plan by creating a new committee to organize a capital campaign for the shelter, creating a new committee to manage planning for the new building, and migrating husbandry data to Animal Shelter Manager, an online database for animal rescue management, to prepare for the increased number of cats being served. To increase managerial transparency, TCC created its first organizational chart. Once TCC has more capacity with the shelter, adoptions and intake (which has previously been limited by our foster care capacity) will also likely increase and as well as services for special needs and senior cats.

### **Financial Summary for FYE 2016**

The greatest expenses for this year were for veterinary care (\$59,124) and cat supplies for our fostered and colony cats (\$22,096). The largest income sources in 2016 were from regular donations (\$49,983), our annual calendar raffle (\$11,010), and yard sales (\$12,697). We are so grateful to all our donors and the vendors who support us, including Petco, Pet Supplies Plus, Especially for Pets, Watertown Savings Bank, Pet Source, Belmont Pet Shop, Bird Precision, and to our vets who give us discounted service for cats, including Commonwealth Vet, Pet Haven, Vescone, and all the individuals and businesses who donated items for our annual calendar raffle and yard sales. We appreciate fundraisers held by The Chateau, Uno's Pizzeria, Lexington High, Arsenal Mall and Barnes & Noble in Burlington.

### **Officers and Board of Directors May 31, 2016**

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### **TCC Cat Report 2016 (calendar year)**

Cat Intake/Outcomes for 2016	Number of cats or colonies
Total Jan 1	152
Total Received	84
Average Colony Size	2.4
Number of Colonies	16
Total Adoptions	62
Spay/Neuter	71
Euthanized or Died	9
Total Dec 31	145



## **TCC Donors FYE 2016 (in alphabetical order)**

Charlene Allen	Jane Flanagan	Brandis Pickard
Haifa Amra	Tyler Friedman	Arthur Rabe
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