

An open Letter on TNR Activities

Approximately three weeks ago, we were very involved in Tilghman with our spay/neuter clinic.

Ever since a lot of us have been busy “tying up” loose ends.

Winter Shelters

Tom Ryan jump started the production of winter shelters. Many cats are in danger due to hypothermia or injuries from frostbite. Have you ever wondered why there are cats with frayed ears, etc.?

Our procurement “meister” Charles Riter (a.k.a head of board of Talbot Humane) “organized”

lumber and other needed materials at an incredibly low price. Charles also arranged the transportation of the goods from Lowe’s to his neighborhood. Big stacks of lumber were transported by his neighbor Jim Smith and his dog Scooter.



Jim spent hours at Lowes waiting for our supplies to be loaded.

Thanks Jim for your help and patience !!!

The lumber cutting team consisted of Charles’ neighbor Vern Rollet, Tom Ryan and Charlene von Pawel. Together they two days on Saturday and Sunday

cutting single pieces for the shelters using Verne's table saw. The noise was rather penetrating. Hopefully, Charles and Vern can still walk through their Easton Club East neighborhood without being harassed.

Vern had lots of help from his assistant, his Scottie Angus while his mate Duncan played in the house. Thanks Vern for taking the time to help out.



Parallel to the cutting, Barbara Rybacki and Ursula were painting the individual pieces of the shelters at Charles Riter's garage. It was not easy because of the wind, but we were happy that it did not rain. The plan for the coming weekend is to transport the finished pieces to Tom Ryan's neighborhood "Woodland Farms".

Tom Ryan would appreciate your help. We are trying to build 20 shelters.

Work is not difficult but plentiful. In the end you will feel good knowing that a lot of (otherwise) homeless cats are not going to freeze to death.

Please call Tom at 410-714-1352 if you have a few hours to give. Thanks!

We hope that the finished product is going to look like this:



Barn Cat Program

Last Thursday Barbara Rybacki and I placed our first two barn cats at the home of Barbara and Frank Azzolini. This nice couple has a “farmette” with two horses, a great barn with a hayloft ideally suited to keep cats warm.

The cats will be in three large dog crates (connected with each other) for the next 3 – 4 weeks.

Barbara Azzolini will take care of them daily and spend time to get the animals used to her. After that, she will close the barn door and window in the evening and let the cats out of their enclosure.

Hopefully, they will explore and make the cozy hayloft their home. This program is designed to give unsocialized cats, who could not be adopted out a second chance



Here are Peanut and Pumpkin, their new barn home, and their temporary crate placement.

Barbara Rybacki has been a wonderful trooper, working with the cats and taking care of them for weeks. She has been instrumental to get this program organized and put it in writing. We will have the “official” procedures and protocol on-line shortly.

Donations

In case you or your friends plan to make a monetary contribution specifically for our TNR program please ensure that your donation to Talbot Humane is marked “TNR.” This will be very helpful for establishing the 2008 budget.

Happy Thanksgiving!! 🍂

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everybody for their help and devotion to TNR.

With your support, our group sterilized more than 200 animals making a significant impact on preventing a flood of litters (100 females x 3 kittens x 2 litters per year)!

Have a happy, safe and blessed Thanksgiving with your loved ones.

Ursula Dicks, Committee Chair TNR Program

PS...If you have time, please contact Tom at 410-714-1352 to help us finish up the shelters.

