

## Aaron Sloan

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**From:** Janice Skinner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 8:39 AM  
**To:** Aaron Sloan; Aaron Sloan  
**Subject:** More information on feral cats from 'Kawartha Lakes Community Cats TNRM'

*Hello Aaron*

*I/We would like you to be aware of situations with feral/stray cats that we are encountering when we have been asked to come and trap cats and kittens.*

*Some property owners do not wish to help in any manner either with donations to our efforts or with agreeing to take the cats back and manage them as a colony.*

*We do not wish to turn our backs on these cats and kittens but we realize that we cannot possibly help everyone of them. At times, there is no place for these cats to go. We can trap them, get them spayed or neutered and vetted through Toronto Humane Society, but then what? They cannot all go to the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes. Only those cats that appear social enough to be adoptable and the kittens which can be socialized, are able to be accepted as space is limited. What happens to the truly feral cats? They can be placed in barns on farms, in warehouses or workshops that are wanting 'working cats' but there is a shortage of those.*

*Therefore, we would like to make you, and eventually City Council, aware through the photos attached of the magnitude and severity of the problem we face.*

*We cannot stress enough that this is a human problem, not a cat problem.*

*We are advising you ahead of our future emails that will contain information and photos on recent cats that we have cared for. You will receive these emails periodically.*

*We would appreciate having this information shared when the report is delivered to Council.*

*Yours truly,*

*Janice Jones-Skinner*

*Chairperson*

## **Kawartha Lakes Community Cats TNRM Committee**

### **What we want:**

Our Committee has created a Mission Statement: 'To create and implement a TNRM program in the City of Kawartha Lakes' and a 13 point Mandate to deal with feral cats and feral cat colonies within the City of Kawartha Lakes. As there is a great need to manage the stray and feral cat problem within the City of Kawartha Lakes, our aim is to implement a Pilot TNRM Program in conjunction with the City of Kawartha Lakes with some assistance from the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes. Ideally, along with financial support for the Pilot Program, an unused small building within Lindsay is requested for housing cats/kittens that are recovering from their spay and neuter surgeries.

### **Background on the formation of the Kawartha Lakes Community Cats TNRM Committee**

An interested group of people including HSKL Board members, Staff and volunteers as well as citizens who have been involved with caring for feral cats within the City of Kawartha Lakes came together two years ago. The group established a Mission Statement and Mandate most of which has been based on the successful TNRM program in Oshawa. All members of the group have taken the TNRM course through 'Community Cats Toronto'. All members of the group realized the great need to promote the welfare of stray and feral cats and to support people who are already managing cat colonies. We see the problem of strays and ferals as a human-generated problem and not a cat problem. Members of the Committee have implemented TNRM in areas of the City of Kawartha Lakes like Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls and have seen great results in the reduction of strays and ferals, especially after a number of years.

### **How will we track what we are doing with TNRM?**

We will keep accurate records of cat colonies that will be registered with us. Feral cats will be spayed and neutered, vaccinated and ear-tipped. The colony caretakers will be required to keep a record of the number of cats in their colonies. The goal is that the colonies will eventually be closed. The process of attrition is at play with colonies that are managed properly as the cycle of reproduction is halted.

### **The Budget**

While the City of Kawartha Lakes is not currently spending money on stray cats, what we are doing and will continue to do, will help the City financially by cutting down on nuisance calls that occupy important resources of the Municipal Law Enforcement Department. Our City is growing exponentially with people moving here from areas like Toronto and Durham Region who have established programs and policies that deal with stray and feral cats. These people will be bringing their own animals with them but if they see that our City does not value cats by having by-laws or programs that control them, they will think it is okay to allow their cats to roam or to not be spayed/neutered. We want the City to help fund a Pilot Program. Currently, the volunteers on our Committee are spending or have spent in the past, their own money (in some cases thousands of dollars) on spaying and neutering, trapping, feeding, housing and transporting cats and kittens for

veterinary care, and ultimately returning them to their colonies or finding adopters for those that are adoptable.

### **The Committee's interaction with HSKL**

Currently HSKL is supporting the concept of TNRM. HSKL's only funding is from donations from the public. HSKL has taken in stray cats and ferals over the years, spending donated money on spaying/neutering and veterinary costs. It is reported that 90% of the cats taken in by the HSKL are strays and ferals. People can now donate specifically to the **Kawartha Lakes Community Cats TNRM** fund through HSKL. This way they may obtain a tax deductible receipt as **The Kawartha Lakes Community Cats TNRM** is not a registered charity. The amounts in this fund are not predictable so it could conceivably be depleted in short order assisting the volunteers with the costs of food, litter, transportation, medications, vet bills, etc. As cats and kittens have been trapped over the past year, HSKL has helped with providing some cage space for the adoptable cats and kittens, at times being overwhelmed. Unfortunately, this cage space is finite and HSKL can only be one depository for these adoptable cats and kittens. Other rescue organizations which are not registered charities, like Barn Cat Co-op based in Uxbridge, among others in the area, have assisted our Committee. Their resources are all greatly extended also. The true feral cats are finding homes on farms or are being returned to their colonies once they have been spayed and neutered. We are in the process of trying to find more farms within the City of Kawartha Lakes wanting 'working cats.' There is a waiting list for our Committee to assist with trapping ferals in all areas of Kawartha Lakes. The HSKL website will be invaluable for educating the public on feral cats and feral cat colonies and promoting the Pilot Program, should it be established.

### **Interaction with local vets**

Currently we do not have veterinarians providing spay/neuter services or clinics for feral cats. The pandemic has created a great shortage of time to provide any veterinarian services to regular clients, let alone setting up spay/neuter clinics for ferals. Members of our group who have been actively trapping cats and kittens have been transporting them down to Toronto Humane Society which provides spaying and neutering for free for people who have taken the TNRM course. They can only take a limited number of cats at a time. We are aware that there are local veterinarians who are in favour of a TNRM program and once the pandemic is over, we hope to approach them to set up spay/neuter clinics.

### **Where we re-locate trapped animals (HSKL and to their colonies)**

Currently our group members who are trapping cats and kittens have relied on HSKL to take any that are adoptable. Toronto Humane Society have taken some friendly cats/kittens when they have been taken there for spaying/neutering. HSKL has taken some to PetSmart in Peterborough to be adopted out. Barn Cat Co-op has been very helpful with finding placement for some. Barn Cat Co-op has been active with trapping cats and kittens within the City of Kawartha Lakes even though they are based in Uxbridge (Durham Region). The cats who came from farms have usually been returned to those farms once they have been spayed and neutered. Kittens are fostered and time spent with them to ensure they are socialized enough to be adopted out.

**We request a change in the CoKL by-laws to not allow cats to be at large within urban areas of the CoKL (house cats not rural farm cats)**

A TNRM program can only be successful when cats are not allowed to be at large. Cats who are not confined to their homes roam and cause problems with neighbours. If they are not spayed or neutered, they continue to have kittens and the cycle is never broken. Not only do the cats suffer from starvation, disease, injuries from being hit by cars or from attacks by other animals or cruel humans, but humans who are not the owners of the cats have to deal with them. Every spring and fall HSKL is overrun with kittens and this is due to people not spaying and neutering their cats and kittens being surrendered or found stray. This is a huge cost to HSKL which is run on donations. Other problems with cats allowed to roam:

- they get into the trash
- they climb on people's cars or outdoor furniture, hang around yards or porches, sleep in sheds, garages or under porches
- they dig in the garden leaving their deposits which can carry disease to humans
- they fight, yowl, spray when mating
- they kill wildlife (of great concern are the countless songbirds they kill)

HSKL TNRM Committee Meeting Thursday, November 18, 2021 6:00 pm.

Attendees: Janice Skinner-Jones, Henny Venus, McKayla MacDonald-Smith, Bruce Dyer, Colleen Ferguson, Eileen Duncan, Lori Beer, Darlene Medland, Nicole Reid, Karyn Gimblett, Courtney Bryans, Marla Jaques

Meeting was called to order. The agenda and the Mandate and Mission Statement was approved by the committee.

The mandate for the group will be evolving as we move forward. Janice and Bruce looked at Oshawa's mandate and used their wording. Aaron Sloan, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement, wanted something on paper. We amended number three of mandate to read Caretakers will receive some form of training provided by the group or the TNR training offered through Community Cats Toronto. Number nine was amended to – Support the ongoing welfare of colonies in the City of Kawartha Lakes through collaboration including possible providing traps (with possible a deposit), food, workshops, etcetra.

Lori shared they have to date TNR'd 201 cats since April 2021. One hundred and twenty three cats went to Toronto to get fixed. Seventy seven were unfixed. Nineteen Adults and fifteen kittens that were fixed went to HSKL and 65 kittens. Others were returned or went to Toronto Humane, Durham or ARK. Nicole, Lori, Colleen and Karyn have been doing the recovery and fostering. There is a waiting list of cats to be done including the Victoria Manor in Lindsay. With winter females require a month for their fur to grow back so efforts are more in place to get the kittens and to wait until the weather gets better before doing adults especially if being returned. Lori is going to provide statistics of numbers to Janice for Aaron Sloan. Colleen is going to work with Nicole and Lori to do a handout for colony caregivers especially to help those on wait list. Handout will be available at the front of the shelter for when individuals come in looking for help. Vista print offers printing of handouts at a reasonable cost.

There was discussion of providing winter shelters to colonies and to educate those with colonies. At present Karyn and another gentleman have been picking up shelters in Toronto. Forty are usually available for Saturday pickup at a cost of ten dollars. There was discussion of having a workshop in Lindsay. Janice is going to talk to Martin Fields as to where they get their supplies as buy in bulk at discounts. Colleen's husband may be able to get company he works for to donate or provide insulation. Henny suggested if donate, Humane Society, could provide a tax receipt. (gift in kind)

Darlene has been taking care of her colony. There are six cats, two still to be fixed.

Colleen has been working with Lori to streamline paperwork. An intake form has been inputted into the computer with info such as where cat going when trapped, where from, when trapped, cats temperament (helpful to wherever go). Colleen has also inputted to a website information which would be helpful to fosters ie videos, tools ie how old kitten is. Colleen is also willing to train foster parents and be available if any concerns or questions. It was mentioned we need to increase our foster base, etcetra.

McKayla mentioned the system is working. Kittens are being adopted quickly. There is still a back log of spays and neuters with 80 still to be done. There has been a lot of medical issues this year. Nicole and McKayla will try and coordinate to see if breaking even with TNR cats. Bruce asked where mainly adopted from. At present evenly between Petsmart and the shelter.

Henny is concerned that donations to TNRM will take away from funding that is needed elsewhere such as the Honey Fund. There will have to be discussions in regards to where the TNR money will be used.

Courtney is hoping to get more involved once she is done her training as an Animal Welfare Officer.

Marla closed Bobcaygeon Friends of Ferals and has referred a number of people to Lori and Nicole. One individual is in Dunsford and the other Lindsay. She has helped a number of people in Bobcaygeon since closing. She is minimizing what she will do. She will lend equipment, offer advice, show how to trap.

There was discussion of a facebook page for the group but it was decided it would not be a good idea at present.

It has been left that committee members will submit to Janice their first, second and third choices for a name for the TNRM group within a couple of days. Bruce pointed out to make sure available on .ca, .com, .org and facebook.

If anyone has any more groups to add to the list Marla submitted that help with TNR in Kawartha Lakes let Janice know.

Janice talked about her discussion with Aaron Sloan and Martin Field. Aaron has been very busy. He would like to know what are ask is and does not want it to affect his department. Christine Lanz, whose mother is in Pontypool, made her presentation to council September 7<sup>th</sup> which has paved the way for us as Aaron has to submit a report to council in answer to her request. Christine attended one of our meetings with her concerns. Bruce and Janice will meet with Aaron in regards to bylaws, statistics provided by Lori and Marla re TNR as well as number people involved. They will go to council when he presents his report and will agree or disagree with the report. Janice and Bruce will ask for money and a building for the TNRM group. Aaron mentioned a number of buildings that might be suitable and available. We are also hoping to get a bylaw passed asking people's pets be contained. Our city is growing and by requesting pet cats not be free roaming it will give them more value. Council may not agree to this as feel more bylaw officers will need to be hired. Martin Field has been very helpful with bylaws, information, etc with his experience with Oshawa in regards to TNR.

Barb A. has asked for help with three ferals on Adelaide Street North. Lori will contact her and discuss. There is a wait list.

The ladies who have been trapping have been working with other groups such as Barn Cat Co-op and Operation Catnip. It is important to foster these relationships. Barn Cat Co-op has been helpful in taking barn cats and placing them when they do not have a safe environment to return to.

The meeting was adjourned at eight o'clock. Anything not discussed will be looked at the next time we meet.

## Aaron Sloan

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**From:** Janice Skinner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:05 PM  
**To:** Aaron Sloan  
**Subject:** Kawartha Lakes Community Cats TNRM  
**Attachments:** M S and Mandate.odt

Hello Aaron,

I am very sorry that I forgot to forward on to you our Mission Statement and Mandate that our committee voted to adopt at our November 18, 2021 meeting.

Please note that we have a formal name for our committee/group that is now 'Kawartha Lakes Community Cats TNRM'.

I have spoken to Henny Venus and he is setting up the zoom link for Thursday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. I will forward it to you with the agenda for the meeting. I will be inviting Christine Lanz to the meeting also. As of now, she is not formally on the committee but has expressed an interest in what we are doing and may join us.

Thank you for your time today and we look forward to having you join us on the 13th.

Yours truly,

Janice Jones-Skinner



Mission Statement: To create and implement a TNR(M) program in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Mandate:

1. Establish a committee to investigate TNRM and its implications in the City of Kawartha Lakes.
2. All members of the Committee must have taken the Community Cats Toronto TNRM course.
3. To find local cat colonies (ongoing) and to find caretakers for these colonies. Caretakers are encouraged to take the Community Cats Toronto TNR training. However, if they are unable to, training (education) on proper care of colonies will be provided by the Committee.
4. The committee will meet as required to update members on developments and to plan for future actions.
5. Endeavour to locate funding sources to acquire materials needed to run the program.
6. Work on the City by-law "A By-law to regulate animals in the City of Kawartha Lakes" to allow for a TNRM program to be established and accepted by the City.
7. Help reduce feral cat over-population and euthanasia, which has a societal impact, through the TNRM program.
8. Educate and build awareness among cat owners and caregivers about the many resources available for TNRM program and colony management. Educate the public about the benefits of a TNRM program.
9. Support the ongoing welfare of colonies in the City of Kawartha Lakes through collaboration including possibly providing traps (with a \$ deposit per trap, amount to be determined) and shelters, food, workshops, etc.
10. Establish links with other active local and regional TNRM groups.
11. Get community veterinarians on board that will provide their services at affordable rates.
12. Get a facility for recovery after surgery and before placement in appropriate colonies or barns, having separated strays from ferals that can be successfully adopted into homes.
13. Implement a Pilot TNRM program in conjunction with the City of Kawartha Lakes and the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes. It will be stressed that colony management will be governed by strict protocols regarding feeding and monitoring.

Agenda for Thursday, January 13, 2022 meeting at 6:00 p.m. of the Kawartha Lakes Community Cats TNRM Committee:

1. Call to order by Chairperson, Janice Jones-Skinner
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes of the November 18, 202 meeting.
4. Business arising from the Minutes. (new addition to the meeting's process)
5. Introduction of Aaron Sloan, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement, and Committee members. Aaron will be talking with us about our proposed By-Law changes/additions regarding feral cats and feral cat colonies as well as the process for presenting to City Council.
6. The website for the HSKL has been redone but I think it is still a bit of a work in progress. You can check it out at [www.hskl.ca](http://www.hskl.ca). Henny hopefully can provide an update on the 'Donation' part of the website.
7. Important: We will need to decide on how any monies that are donated are going to be spent. We will have to keep accurate records and be accountable for any donations. There has also been some money (\$4000.00) allocated in the HSKL 2022 budget and again, we will need to decide on what that money will be used for and be accountable for it.

8. Discussion on the flyers Colleen has created.  
Here are the costs Colleen quoted from VistaPrint:

25 @ \$1.60/ea = \$40.00

100 @ \$1.29/ea = \$128.30

250 @ \$0.84/ea = \$209.60

500 @ \$0.52/ea = \$259.20

*From Colleen: As you can see, the price per each goes down as the quantity ordered goes up, so it will depend on what the committee had in mind for what they wanted to spend and what the needs are for the flyer. If the committee would like some ordered, I can order them as I have the design as well as an account with VistaPrint.*

9. Lori to share the statistics she has been compiling.
10. Booklets: Useful? Darlene's booklet.
11. We didn't have a chance to talk about mobile spay/neuter clinics at the last meeting. Marla has some information to share on this.
12. Cat shelters: Karyn picked up the last bunch late November, early December. Do we need more?  
I need some input: I have those 4 Rubbermaid bins that I thought I would like to make the cat shelters out of. Just wondering if it is worth it? I am willing to go out and get the materials (I watched the DIY

videos below and they don't seem too complicated.) There are two bales of straw at the shelter in the garage there that I am sure they would like to get out of there. There might be a bit of space in the garage to set up a table and do the construction. I will check. Is anyone available to help? Karyn, you had some ideas of how you might like the shelters to be made with two tubings for entrance and exit. Ideas on construction?

13. Opportunity for Committee members to share recent activities with trapping, etc. Have things settled down?

14. Colleen Ferguson's information we can look at (sharing it again in case you missed it):  
*You can also take a look at our website, Facebook & Instagram pages if you are interested in seeing all the pictures of others we have helped.*  
*To date, we have helped over 203 since we started fostering in Sept 2016.*

[www.openingcages.com](http://www.openingcages.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/OpeningCages>

<https://www.instagram.com/openingcagesofficial/>

15. New business:

16. Next meeting:

17. Adjournment:

## **Response to Aaron Sloan's questions:**

### **Education material (post cards, pamphlets, signs):**

A. Pamphlets, when needed, would be printed through Vista Print: 25 @ \$1.60/ea = \$40.00, 100 @ \$1.29/ea = \$128.30, 250 @ \$0.84/ea = \$209.60, 500 @ \$0.52/ea = \$259.20. Cost at HSKL to print would be higher as too much of their supplies like paper, toner, ink would be used.

B. Signs for any events we might attend for promotion and education of TNRM or for a possible spay/neuter clinic: 'Your Computer and Signs' quoted \$11.00/sq ft. plus HST so two 3' X 3' signs would cost \$198.00 plus HST; four 2' X 2' signs would be \$176.00 plus HST. Their signs are seven year outdoor, high quality. 'Cedar Springs Signs and Graphics' quoted a 4'X 8' sheet is \$115.00 plus HST; one sheet could make two 3'x 3' signs or four 2' X 2' signs; total cost for six signs would be \$230.00 plus HST. Quality of materials may differ between the two companies.

C. 8 1/2" X 11 " posters for a variety of needs, for example: 'Barn Cats Needing Homes' that we posted in a variety of locations around the City; HSKL is not charging us to print them at the moment as we have maybe photocopied 100 pages to date, but we need to factor in a cost for this in the future as needs increase.

### **Spay/neuter clinics:**

A. If we had a vet come in to do just spays and neuters at HSKL which is not set up for a veterinarian at the moment, a certain vet might be able to do \_\_\_\_ surgeries in one day and charges \_\_\_\_\_ per surgery or per day? This is an unknown at this date.

B. If a local veterinarian in Lindsay ran a spay/neuter clinic, how many surgeries a day and how much would he charge? Unable to obtain this information at this date.

C. We can only estimate now the number of cats we would deal with in the future, based on the numbers the trappers have dealt with this past year. Trappers have been taking advantage of the free spay/neuter clinics at Toronto Humane

Society for the past year. The cats that go to Toronto Humane Society are spayed/neutered, vaccinated for Rabies, given 'Revolution' defleaing, microchipped and ear-tipped. The trappers have had to pay a minimal charge for antibiotics or extra meds required by the TNR'd cats. The trappers have been taking about 8 cats a week to THS recently as they are trying to get the pregnant females done and that is why there are more. In other months, sometimes they have taken 2 a week and sometimes none. In the last 14 weeks of 2022, 75 cats have been trapped but not all went to THS. 53 went to THS and the rest were kittens so they do not go to THS. We have asked Toronto Humane Society about mass trappings where up to 25 cats are spayed/neutered in a day but we are still waiting to hear. **COVID has brought a lot of changes to the clinics and the costs.** Before COVID, Toronto was open to occasional mass trappings. Another example of how COVID has affected the veterinary process: 4 cats were to go to THS for surgeries and were turned away due to a COVID outbreak among the humans at the clinic. One pregnant cat had to go to someone who will foster her as she ended up having 5 kittens right away and now they have to wait until they are 8 weeks old to be adopted out, the mom cat and kittens by HSKL or another Humane Society or Rescue Organization.

D. If we were to take advantage of Three Islands Veterinary Clinic in Bobcaygeon on a regular basis (once a month) we would be looking at \$125.00 plus HST per cat. If we microchipped each cat, we would be looking at approximately \$200.00 per cat. The cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and given flea medication. The most Three Islands can do in a day is ten males and seven females in a day. Total cost would be \$3400.00. for 17 cats. At present this has been the lowest local clinic as well as most receptive to helping. There would be no guarantee as to how many of these days we could get as there are other groups asking for the service.

#### Transportation (fuel, vehicle, insurance, travel):

A. People (trappers) are using their own vehicles and the concern exists that accidents could happen while transporting the cats. Personal insurance covers this.

B. The Committee had thought about trappers keeping track of their gas consumption, but this is difficult as sometimes trappers may not go directly to and from their TNRM destination, whether to THS or to the trapping locations and they may go to more than one trapping location at a time (example, from Dunsford to Woodville).

C. When the trappers get a call for assistance with trapping colony cats, they ask for a donation towards their gas for transport to Toronto. Many people have donated as they want to help but some cannot afford it or won't pay it. They have asked for \$50.00 but this does not cover the cost of gas. The trappers then want to do their best to help the cats and the humans, so they don't refuse to help on this basis. They have been encouraged over the last couple of months to keep track of their gas consumption and going forward will likely be paid mileage instead from donated funds.

D. Operation Catnip in Peterborough, a non-profit and unregistered charity that has been doing for some time what we are just beginning to do, asks colony caretakers for \$120.00.

**E. Please see the attached breakdown of costs that our Treasurer has created. The first page deals with transportation. The second and third pages deal with other costs.**

**To be especially noted, as with many people involved with animal welfare, our Committee members spend much of their own money without thinking about the cost. We all do it, from paying for transportation which includes the gas, wear and tear on their own vehicles, insurance, food for cats, shelters, litter, medical, cleaning supplies, crates, heat and hydro if fostering and caring for cats in recovery in their own homes/heated garages, stationery costs like paper, computer ink, record books, binders, posters.**

**For the first several months, the trappers did not keep track of everything nor did they present receipts of their expenses to the Committee. They are doing so now. Receipts will be presented to our Treasurer who will then request reimbursement through the special fund of donated money at HSKL for the**

**Kawartha Lakes Community Cats TNRM. This fund is finite and the Committee members will be judicious in their spending and will likely not claim for everything knowing that the fund is finite. Our Committee will most certainly have to resort to fundraising in the future to cover costs.**

**Feral cat shelters:**

- A. Toronto Humane Society charges \$10.00 each. We purchased 20 in November 2021 and sold them to colony caretakers for \$20.00, a little profit that was creatively used to help cover transportation costs. One of the Committee members still had to use their own vehicle or borrowed a large enough one to drive to Toronto to pick them up.
- B. Making them ourselves is cost prohibitive and time consuming as appropriate materials are expensive. Therefore, we have only tried creating a few.
- C. The trappers have become creative with using old, broken carriers that HSKL gets or can't use for creating shelters for inside barns.

**Traps, cages and tools:**

- A. We do not need more traps as the trappers have purchased some already with their own money and they have access to 19 traps from what they have and another feral cat rescue group.
- B. Before COVID, traps could be rented from Toronto Humane Society. Deposits are paid and then returned once the traps are returned.
- C. Equipment may need to be replaced. At present Tomahawk Traps are approximately \$143.80 plus tax and Dividers are \$51.49 plus tax and have been purchased through D-Line Direct Sales Limited in Burlington, Ontario. This company sells traps to TNR groups at a reduced rate. If we need to order more traps, we will need to account for transportation costs if we are in a hurry for them. We do not have current prices on drop traps but don't plan on buying them in the future.
- E. Tarps of some type have been purchased by the trappers to protect their vehicles when transporting cats.

F. The trappers do not use tarps to cover traps but use dark garbage bags now as they work well.

G. Holding cages for animals post-surgery: Trappers got some donated, bought off of Kijiji, bought privately. Cost for a 42" dog crate with a divider through Amazon is \$77.00 plus HST but there is a large shipping cost on top of this. Cages can vary depending if they are second hand, but for example a 48 inch dog crate is \$179.99 plus tax at Peavey Mart. See the Treasurer's expense page for cost on XL dog crates.

**Temporary housing (surgery recovery space, awaiting adoption space):**

A. Originally the Committee thought about asking for a building within Lindsay to house cats that are recovering from surgeries, however we voted against this as the cats need to be in a location where they can be monitored on a regular basis.

B. Reimbursement for the cost of heating a shop or garage owned by the trappers is something the Committee might consider requesting instead.

C. The HSKL garage has been offered for recovery on the short term but it is not ideal as it is noisy, there is too much activity and a lot of time there would be no room. Trappers cannot go there to check on the cats at any hour. Any other space at the HSKL would not be ideal for recovering ferals due to the noise from barking dogs and other human activity at the shelter.

D. Currently, one of the Committee members uses her own heated garage for this purpose (has space for 10 cats in cages) and the trappers have some space at their homes. As of April 17, 2022, one trapper has 3 cats at her home at the moment and the other trapper has 7 adults and a litter of 5.

**Food:**

A. Food is provided by the trappers and fosters pre- and post- surgery and is being purchased as needed. They are always looking for the best deal wherever they can get it. One cat eats one can a day. Any canned food is okay – doesn't have to



be the same brand. However, it is preferable to stay with one brand of kibble. Cost for 48 5.5. oz. cans at Costco (Friskies) is \$28.99 a case. Costco Kirkland Brand kibble, 9.1 kg bag costs \$21.99. This feeds 9 adult cats for 3 weeks. Please see further cost breakdown on the Treasurer's outline.

B. Food is given to colony caretakers who need a helping hand with this through the Pet Food Bank at HSKL when available.

#### **Veterinarian care:**

A. This is dependent on estimated volume coupled with what sort of care we need to provide. For example, injured cats may need surgeries. Some ferals have health issues, especially worms in digestive tracts plus stuff like FIV, FELV, matting, upper respiratory.

B. This would be dependent on the condition of the cat. This can vary from \$150.00 to \$3000.00 to \$4000.00. There would have to be a discussion on a case by case basis as to what we would be willing to spend. A 'GoFundMe' could be set up to help cover additional costs if funds are not available or some other type of fundraiser like yard sales, online auctions or raffles, etc., as some other rescue groups have had to do.

C. So far in 2022 there have been no surgeries, \$100.00 max has been spent on antibiotics and \$100.00 + HST on shaving a matted cat.

#### **Euthanasia in worst case health issues:**

A. This is hard to predict.

B. Two TNR cats have had to be euthanized this past year which was paid by HSKL. Last year Toronto Humane Society euthanized 4 cats at no charge to us.

C. Euthanasia: This is not the outcome any of us want but if in the best interest of the cat, the decision would have to be made. The last cat euthanized, at Three Islands Veterinary Clinic, was at a cost of \$80.00 plus \$10.40 HST as of September 2021.

### **Charities doing Creative Fundraising**

Other groups we work with like Barn Cat Co-op (Uxbridge/Durham area) and Operation Catnip (Peterborough) which are non-profit, unregistered charities, have had to be very creative raising funds to help all the cats in their care. They have volunteers who are stretched to their limit as they also usually have jobs. In their 'off-hours' they do fundraising such as online raffles and auctions. Barn Cat Co-op has been helping in the City of Kawartha Lakes for a very long time and are likely very grateful that we now have our own TNRM Committee.

## ***TNR Km Costs by Trappers***

Number of cats taken to THS for surgery in 2021	71	
Average number of cats per trip	3	
Actual number of trips to THS in 2021	24	
Kilometers average to THS one way	116	
<i>drop off, drive back, pick up, drive back</i>	x 4	
Total km per trip	464	
Total km per year	11136	
	<u>per km</u>	
First 5000 km	\$ 0.59	\$ 2,950.00
over 5000 6136 km	\$ 0.53	\$ 3,252.08
Total miliage allowance		<u>\$ 6,202.08</u>

Kilometers driven trapping (approx same as THS trips)

	<u>per km</u>	
11136 km	\$ 0.53	\$ 5,902.08

**Total Km costs**

**\$ 12,104.16**

### **Just Gas**

*If a milage charge of \$0.59 & \$0.53 per km was not to be used and just gas was paid.*

*Using approximately \$100 to fill a tank. 1 tank lasts 500km = 0.20/km*

	<u>per km</u>	
Gas approx. cost per km for THS trips	\$ 0.20	\$ 2,227.20
Gas approx. cost per km for trapping	\$ 0.20	\$ 2,227.20
Total approx. gas <u>only</u> costs		<u>\$ 4,454.40</u>

## ***TNR Food/Supplies/Medical Cost***

***Prices include taxes and any shipping charges and are for a 1 year period***

### **Traps**

*Purchased from D-Line Direct Sales Ltd by trappers.*

	<u>cost</u>	<u>qty</u>	
8 live traps	\$ 143.45	8	\$ 1,147.60
5 live traps	\$ 150.23	5	\$ 751.15
3 dividers	\$ 50.04	3	\$ 150.12
1 Drop Trap	\$ 206.73	1	\$ 206.73
			<hr/> <b>\$ 2,255.60</b>

### **Cages/Carriers/Misc**

*Purchased used from various places by trappers. No receipts.*

Cages & Carriers	\$ 700.00
litterboxes/toys/bowls (approx. no receipts)	\$ 100.00
1 Three Tier Cage from Amazon	\$ 98.32
	<hr/> <b>\$ 898.32</b>

### **Food**

*The canned food was calculated using \$20/week per trapper. The kibble was a guess that each trapper pays \$500 per year. At each trapping, 1 can of tuna & 1 can of sardines are used so assuming trapping is done one day a week on average.*

	<u>cost</u>	<u>qty</u>	
Sardines	\$ 1.67	52	\$ 86.84
Tuna	\$ 1.17	52	\$ 60.84
Kibble cost per trapper	\$ 500.00	3	\$ 1,500.00
Canned cost per trapper	\$ 1,000.00	3	\$ 3,000.00
			<hr/> <b>\$ 4,647.68</b>

### **Shelters**

*Cost to purchase outdoor shelters from THS, plus making them ourselves.*

	<u>cost</u>	<u>qty</u>	
From THS	\$ 10.00	20	\$ 200.00
DIY	\$ 30.00	5	\$ 150.00
			<hr/> <b>\$ 350.00</b>

***Total this page*** **\$ 8,151.60**

## **TNR Food/Supplies/Medical Cost - con't**

**Prices include taxes and any shipping charges and are for a 1 year period**

### **Litter**

*Each bag is \$7.90 taxes included. Each of the 3 trappers use approx 1 per week*

	<u>cost</u>	<u>qty</u>	
1 bag per week x 52	\$ 410.80	3	\$ 1,232.40
			<u>\$ 1,232.40</u>

### **Medical**

*Few medical costs have been made for TNR cats by the group*

THS medications	\$	40.00
FortiFlora	\$	47.29
2 cats for shaving	\$	226.00
	\$	<u>313.29</u>

### **Bleach**

*5 jugs per trapper per year at \$3.28/jug*

	<u>cost</u>	<u>qty</u>	
5 jugs at \$3.28/ea	\$ 16.40	3	\$ 49.20
			<u>\$ 49.20</u>

**Total this page** \$ 1,594.89

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**Total Supplies Costs** \$ 9,746.49

### **Wish List**

*XL Dog crates are needed for pregnant mom's to raise their kittens in. On Amazon, there is a 48 x 30 x 32 crate for \$139.00 including taxes & shipping*

	<u>cost</u>	<u>qty</u>	
2 XL Dog Crates	\$ 139.00	2	\$ 278.00