

WILD ABOUT CATS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Helping unwanted and at-risk cats and kittens since 2003

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Wild About Cats of Cumberland County wins Petsense Grand Prize!



In celebration of America's 250th birthday, **Petsense by Tractor Supply** awarded \$250 to 250 Local Pet Heroes and \$5,000 to one Grand Prize Winner. We were thrilled to learn that Wild About Cats was named the **Grand Prize Winner of the Petsense Celebrates Pet Heroes Award!**

The Sweepstakes recognizes individuals and organizations that go above and beyond to improve the lives of animals in their communities. WACCC was honored for its rescue work and commitment to caring for cats throughout the County. According to the news release, the organization has earned a reputation as the group that “takes in any cat in crisis.” “WAC was chosen for its commitment to helping cats in need and its dedication to improving the lives of community animals,” according to the company. The award was presented during a ceremony July 17 at Petsense Crossville store, located at 68 The Crossings.



This award will go a long way to helping us to rescue and improve the lives of cats and kittens in need! And thank you to all who nominated us!

2026 Year-To-Date Highlights

- 🐾 91 cats have been adopted into loving homes so far this year. In addition, 70 cats were transported out-of-state to rescues in the Northeast, Great Lakes and Colorado, for adoption there. All adopted cats are neutered and vaccinated, and all cats going on transport have health certificates including spay/neuter and vaccinations.
- 🐾 101 cats have been spay/neutered this year, including 26 returned to owners and 23 TNR/returned.
- 🐾 Improvements to the outdoor Catio which gives our shelter cats time to enjoy fresh air and sunshine, while still keeping them safe and contained.



Estate Planning – Plan Ahead

- Think of what will happen to your pets if you are unable to care for them, and complete a **Pet Emergency Contact Form**. Name a guardian for your pets and make sure your heirs know your plans.
- If you leave a **pet trust** you can designate a pet rescue to receive any funds after your pet dies.
- And please remember **Wild About Cats of Cumberland County** in your estate planning, and please let us know of your plans

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Transport - Why do we send some cats out of state for adoption?

- Some states have approved adopters but a shortage of adoptable cats, largely due to successful spay/neuter programs and shorter breeding seasons. Some out-of-state adopters apply directly to us, and we spay/neuter, vaccinate, and make all the transport arrangements. Our partner **Rescue Riders Pet Transport** helps us to transport cats and kittens adopted directly through WACCC.
- However sometimes there are just too many cats and not enough local adopters, so we also reach out to **Bissell Pet Foundation**, who support animal welfare organizations in numerous ways including providing air transport to shelters in other states.
- **Bissell** transport cats must meet strict requirements including spay/neuter, veterinary health certificates and rabies and core inoculations – **all done at the expense of WACCC - WACCC receives none of the eventual adoption fees from these adoptions** – we do it because transport can help get cats and kittens quickly placed in loving homes.



With Gratitude to our Volunteers

We are so grateful to our incredible volunteers — without your dedication and hard work, we could not do the lifesaving work we do every day. You give your time, energy, and hearts to our cats, and it truly makes a difference

Wild About Cats “Happy Tails”

There are very few rescues with the ability to take in cats in emergency situations. One of our Facebook friends recently wrote about an emergency rescue at our local Walmart parking lot. She noticed some people looking at a car, and soon realized a kitten was trapped in the engine. Several people came to help, including local police and the vehicle owner, and the writer was finally able to get far enough under the car to remove the kitten. But none of the people there could keep the cat due to living situations and having other pets. Luckily the writer was able to



reach **Wild About Cats**. Cindy came to the rescue and took in the kitten. This is just one of many examples when WACCC is called to rescue. The writer said:
“I want to encourage anyone who is wild about cats, dogs, birds, whatever. Please help support this non-profit. If money is tight, volunteer; if time is tight - donate. She took in another sweet kitten with an already full house of cats. If you've been in this situation, you know how it feels to have someone say yes to this tiny furry life. Learn more about them at <https://www.wildaboutcatscc.org>. I plan to volunteer and hopefully see this little man again 🥰🐾❤️”

Thank You to our Generous Donors

We are deeply grateful to all our donors whose generosity makes our rescue, medical care, spay/neuter programs, and adoption efforts possible. Wild About Cats is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Supporters may also give Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from IRAs, and we encourage those planning for the future to consider remembering Wild About Cats in their estate plans. Your kindness today and tomorrow helps ensure that vulnerable cats continue to receive the care and second chances they deserve