

# Catman2 Inc.

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Saving and improving the lives of cats since 1996



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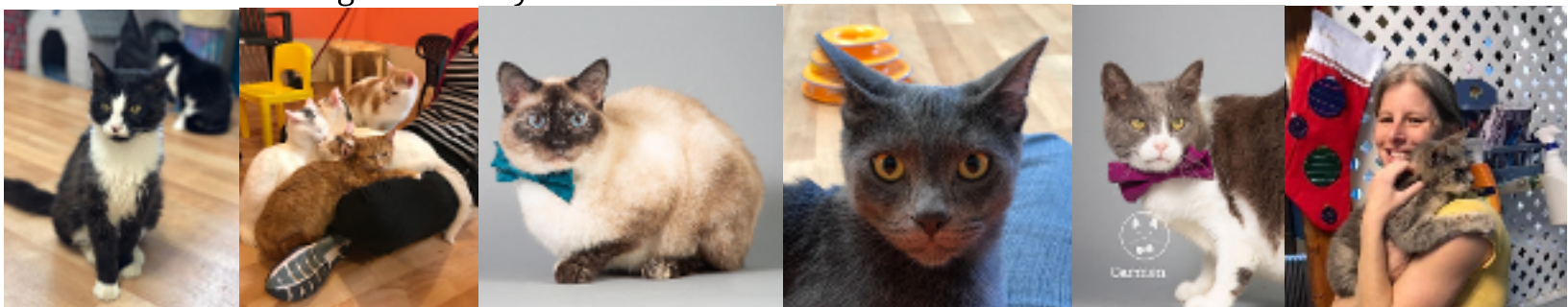


There's something very unique about Catman2. We were the first no-kill shelter in Jackson County and the first cage free cat shelter in WNC. Our open shelter design serves as a model for organizations building new shelters. But what most people don't realize is that Catman2 is a two person operation. Our founder Dr. Harold Sims (now 84 years old) spends 6 days a week working at The American Museum of the House Cat and our shelter manager Kaleb Lynch handles all shelter operations and community outreach programs. With a handful of dedicated volunteers and a staff of exactly *one* person, we can certainly say that at Catman2, we are the little guys doing the big work.

We have surpassed both our average yearly intake and average yearly adoptions! At the time of this writing (early November), we have rescued 130 cats and kittens and adopted out 96! Those adoptions are all screened and we are really invested in making the purrrfect match of responsible humans and awesome cats.

We are privileged to be a limited admission shelter because we are able to thoroughly screen potential adopters and work with the adopter to find the cat of their dreams. The cats who are already in our care are our priority and their health and happiness is paramount. We have watched as many North

Carolina shelters and rescues shut down or had to completely start over due to poor financial management, the inability to establish boundaries and say "no", and not properly caring for the animals. Catman2 will never take on more than we can handle and we will never forget that the welfare of our cats is the number one priority. We have worked very hard to be an ethical, financially stable, one of a kind shelter who cares and an organization you can trust.



# COLLABORATION SAVES LIVES

## TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER

After the overwhelming attendance of our first collaborative pet wellness clinic, Catman2 teamed up once again with ARF (Humane Society of Jackson County) and Advocates for Animals in WNC to hold a low cost pet vaccine and microchip clinic. We all worked together to garner business sponsors from the community and recruited volunteers. As a Certified Rabies Vaccinator for Jackson County, Kaleb gave 151 rabies vaccines that day! Volunteer veterinarians microchipped 111 pets!

This event would not have been possible if Catman2 tried to do it alone. Collaboration is so important and we showed that being a non-profit dedicated to animal welfare is not a competition. By partnering with other animal welfare organizations, we were able to have a bigger impact on our community.

**JCAS 2019 Statistics**  
**Total Cat Intake: 470**

**Live release rate: 88%**

**Total pulled by**  
**Catman2: 116**

**The majority of cats we**  
**pull from JCAS have**  
**special needs or need**  
**medical attention**



We have also recently partnered with Touchstone Essentials. In October, we took a mom and three kittens from JCAS. One of the kittens had badly deformed back legs and although our vet taught us how to do physical therapy in hopes of correcting the legs, they were not very optimistic. We began giving Cherry hemp oil by mouth and topically during PT. Just three weeks later, Cherry's legs are straight and she can walk normally! We are delighted! We've been using hemp oil for our old arthritic cats with great success as well. Do you have a pet who might benefit from hemp oil?

You can now purchase the same oil we use through our link to get great results and as an ongoing way to support Catman2. You won't regret it!

**"Working with Catman2 at the [Sylva Animal] hospital over the last several years has been really rewarding. It was great to have a helping hand in whatever medical care was needed and also served as a learning purpose in some cases! So now that I'm part of the Jackson County Animal Shelter, our partnership is different but still rewarding because I know I can lean on Catman2 to keep our cat community happy and healthy!"**

**- Dana Madej**



**Before & After**



FALLON



LIZ TAYLOR & INKY



BRYCE



CALLIE ANN



TAAWWD



JEN



GREGORY



PEARLY



ISAIAH



BFFS: CREAMSICKLE  
MATILDA AND  
ALLISON



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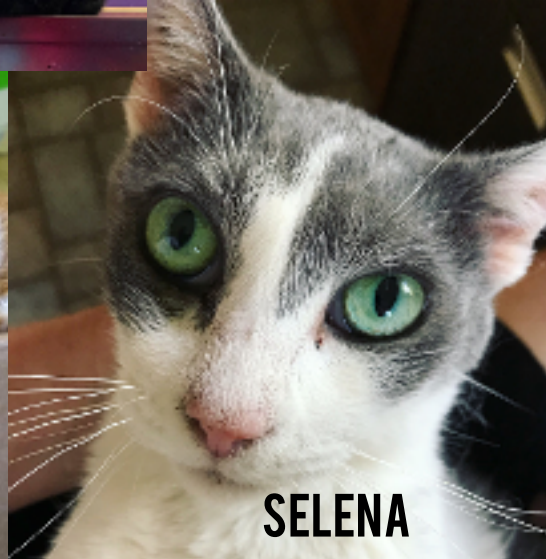
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LAYNE!!!



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# SANCTUARY CATS SEEKING SPONSORS

We take being "safe for life" very seriously. When we take in a cat, we make a promise to them that they can live with us for the rest of their lives if they never get adopted. Half of our residents are now classified as sanctuary cats. As they age, they are requiring more veterinary care; dental surgeries have been especially taxing this year. Sponsoring a cat insures that they get everything that they need and allows us to plan for the future.

[CATMAN2.ORG/SPONSOR-A-CAT](http://CATMAN2.ORG/SPONSOR-A-CAT)

# WILDLIFE REHABILITATION



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**[WWW.CATMAN2.ORG/WILDLIFE-REHABILITATION](http://WWW.CATMAN2.ORG/WILDLIFE-REHABILITATION)**

**Our small mammal wildlife rehabilitation program has been very popular this year during baby season! We saw all kinds of critters: mice, rats, voles, shrews, grey squirrels, flying squirrels, opossums, and groundhogs! This program allows us to bridge a gap in services to our community and to our wild friends while tapping into another pool of support. We've gotten to work with great organizations like Edith Allen Wildlife Sanctuary and other amazing individual rehabbers. In 2020, we hope to receive special licensing in order to rehabilitate rabies vector species such as raccoons, bats, skunks, and foxes.**

**FOLLOW OUR WILDLIFE MASCOT'S FACEBOOK PAGE: @GRETCHENTHEGROUNDHOG**

# YOUTH CLUB

Changing the world is a hard job so why not start early? Our goal is to encourage children to be compassionate and empathetic, and to learn about issues in the community through a humane lens. We want the youth participants to feel like they are stakeholders in animal issues and know that their ideas are valued.

## Youth participants will:



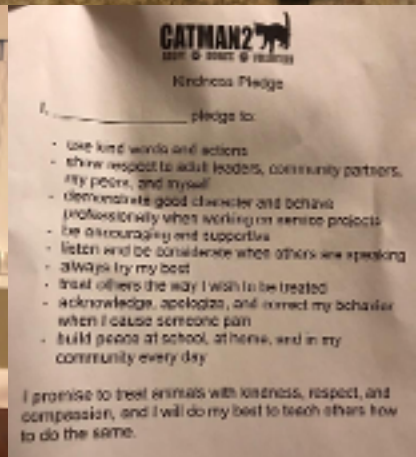
- learn about companion animals and the organizations that help them and the people who care about them in our community
- learn the value of community service
- develop youth leadership skills
- form new friendships
- bond with mentors
- be introduced to advocacy for animal welfare
- engage in service projects



## What kind of service projects has the Youth Club done so far?

- learned about cat enrichment while making toys for the cats at the Jackson County Animal Shelter
- started an animal lover quilt (long term project)
- created spay/neuter promotional posters
- raised \$300 for our low-cost spay/neuter program by making glass magnets
- wrote thank you cards to all the sponsors of the microchip clinic

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# THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF THE HOUSE CAT

Our founder Dr. Harold Sims had a dream of building the Catman2 Shelter, and now we're the best little cat house in WNC! He then sought to create a cat museum with his extensive collection of over 5,000 cat related artifacts, including the largest collection of wind up cat toys, handmade carousel cats, and a real cat mummy from Egypt!

The museum has now been visited by 18,000 people from all over the world. From Japan to the Netherlands to Albania to right here in Sylva, the museum has become a popular attraction. Aside from educating people on the wonders of the house cat, the museum supports the Catman2 Shelter and has donated over \$10,000 to keep our low-cost spay/neuter program going!



We are very excited to be moving into the museum's new larger, permanent location a mile away from the old location. We hope you will visit and support the museum which in turn supports Catman2!

*Big thanks to docent Kelly Timco and social media manager Kimberly Crow.*

## Help Keep Harold's Dream Alive

- **Reach out to corporations who might consider supporting the museum**
- **Volunteer or help recruit volunteers to work in the gift shop, give tours, sell tickets, etc**
- **Help is needed over the winter to move to the new location**



*You Can Become A Supporting Member of the Museum Cats*

Includes:

- 2 Tokens to Give to Friends
- 1 Museum Patch
- 10% Off in our Tabby Cat Gift Shop
- Invitations to Future Events & More

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The American Museum of the House Cat is a registered 501(c)(3) organization through the Internal Revenue Service 00-3370400

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**@TheAmericanMuseumoftheHouseCat**

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## JUST A FEW MEMORABLE FRIENDS



**Brynn the bunny was abandoned outside with a raging syphilis infection. Catman2 didn't hesitate to rescue her and our friends at Cherokee Animal Care Clinic helped us treat her painful condition. Tate was actively looking for a companion for her other bunny and adopted Brynn. Now Brynn has another bunny friend and Tate's cat loves her, too!**



**Isaiah came from a feral colony. It was thought that he had an anal prolapse and he was not doing well. He wasn't truly feral so worked with the colony manager to get him the care he needed. Unfortunately, Isaiah actually has a rare birth defect where his genitals are in the wrong place. We have just scheduled an appointment with a specialist who may be able to help Isaiah. We absolutely adore this boy!**



**We catch plenty of opossums in our TNR program. We release them but this poor elderly opossum got his long old man teeth caught in the trap and was truly stuck! A volunteer helped cut him out with wire cutters and we treated his swollen jaw and let him rest with us for a while before letting him go.**



**Left to right: Cara was found at a local recycling center with an embedded collar around her neck and shoulder. Daily wound care was easy because she was so sweet. She's now in a loving home. Layne!! was an ancient stray who came into JCAS with severe arthritis and claws grown into her paw pads. It turns out Layne!! is the coolest cat and loves to holler at people! Maverick came into JCAS with a painful ear mite infestation and terrible skin condition. He was a great cat and healed right up in our care. He soon found a great home. Callie was a feral cat we trapped in our TNR program and discovered she needed her right eye removed. We worked with her caregiver and Sylva Animal Hospital and got Callie fixed up (literally and figuratively!) and she is living her best life back where she belongs, and we like to think that she is grateful for the help :)**

# COLD WEATHER TIPS FOR HELPING OUTDOOR CATS

We get dozens of calls every year from people worried about outdoor cats surviving the winter. Community cats (outdoor, stray, and feral cats) are resilient and well suited to live and thrive in various locations and weather conditions. However there are still things you can do to help make life more comfortable for them! Here are a few tips that lend a helping paw when the weather gets cold:

- ▶ Spaying and neutering improves cats' overall health and healthier cats are better equipped for the cold elements - utilize TNR!
- ▶ Increase food portions to help them conserve energy
- ▶ Warm up canned food and water before serving (or look into getting heated electric bowls - we use heated water dishes at the shelter for our wildlife guests in the winter)
- ▶ Use bowls that are deep rather than wide and place in sunny areas
- ▶ Build a feeding station that will shield the food, water, and the cats from the elements
- ▶ You can build an outdoor cat shelter from simple materials like a storage tote and foam cooler. Check out alleycat.org for ideas!
- ▶ Line cat shelters with straw - blankets absorb moisture and can actually make it colder for the kitty
- ▶ Homemade rice sock heating pads are luxury items for cats seeking warmth
- ▶ Give the hood of your car a few taps before starting it to make sure no animals are hiding inside the engine for warmth. Check between tires and wheel wells - a few seconds could save a life!



**THANK YOU TO SYLVA ANIMAL HOSPITAL FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF COMPASSIONATE CARE**

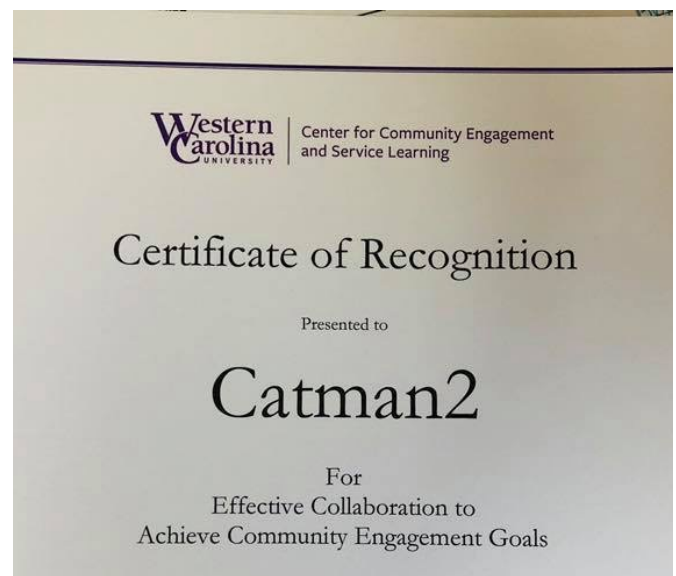
We are beyond grateful for our wonderful veterinarians at Sylva Animal Hospital and their caring staff. Without their dedication to our mission, we could not do the important work we do. Their empathy and compassionate care means the world to us and to our kitties, no matter how much they complain about going to the V-E-T!

## **VOLUNTEER WITH US!**

Volunteers make our shelter a better place! The cats love the company and we love seeing others become invested in their lives and in animal welfare. We are in desperate need of more regular volunteer help! If you have an hour or two to spare one day a week, we encourage you to get in touch with us and we'd love to welcome you to the family!



*Thank you to all who have volunteered with us in 2019 - special thanks to Manny, Kim, Melissa, Nory, and Jessica.*





# LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER TRAP/NEUTER/RETURN

"*Kaleb! I need help!*" That's how I learned about Trap/Neuter/Return, part of the Spay/Neuter Program sponsored by Catman2 and ARF.

We had been giving treats to our neighborhood dog Sasha, and she soon started returning the favor by giving us kittens, depositing them on our living room floor. The first one was very tiny and had severe problems with its eyes. I immediately called Kaleb, and he helped me right away. The kitten was so thin and looked to be blind in both eyes. Kaleb took him in and did all he could to give him love, care, and the medical attention he deserved (even naming him Doc Watson after the blind musician) but little Doc's issues were too severe and he ultimately passed on. The compassion Kaleb had for this little orphan showed me the enormity of the heart of Catman2. Then a couple of weeks later, Sasha treated us with another kitten. Once again



I called Kaleb. After the second kitten, he asked me if I knew where these kittens were coming from, but I had no idea other than seeing some feral cats around the area where we had recently moved. He explained how the TNR program worked and we decided to try and help out. So he loaned us some traps and in the last few months we have been able to TNR more than 20 cats! (We even ended up adopting one of them). To say this program is a godsend is an understatement. But to have this kind of program with the willingness, caring, and compassion Catman2 puts into it goes far beyond that. The process is effortless, the cost is minimal, and the sense of pride in helping improve the lives of some of God's creatures is overwhelming. Thank you Catman2!"

- Jennifer

## GOOD NEWS!

We received a \$5,000 spay/neuter grant from Two Mauds Foundation. In addition to extending our low-cost s/n services, it also helps us provide FREE TNR services! This will be particularly helpful to people like Jennifer who find themselves suddenly overwhelmed with feral cats. TNR programs help to stabilize and reduce feral populations in a humane way, and effectively reduces euthanasia rates at municipal shelters. In addition to The American Museum of the House Cat's financial contributions, our popular spay/neuter program will be accessible to Jackson County residents for another year!



## YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**Become a monthly donor!**  
 Just \$10/month can help Catman2  
 continue saving and caring  
 for homeless and abused &  
 abandoned cats

Monthly supporters help us  
 plan for the future



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### PLANNED GIVING

When working with an estate planner, please consider including Catman2 in your will. We are a small, unique rescue and our mission would truly benefit from your gift.

### TALK ABOUT US!!

Tell everyone you know about who we are! Share our Facebook posts and promote our fundraisers and programs!

### ONLINE AUCTIONS

We have Facebook auctions monthly and we're always looking for easily shippable items, especially handmade or animal-themed items.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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@**Taawwd**

@**GretchentheGroundhog**



### DR. HAROLD SIMS

President and Founder of  
 Catman2 Inc and the  
 American Museum of the  
 House Cat

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## FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

Catman2 wishes you a happy holiday season and send our deepest gratitude for your continued support. We hope you've enjoyed reading what we've been up to this year!