



## **Best Friends Catnippers**

### An Open Letter

TO: All Caregivers of Feral Cats

FROM: Mark Dodge and Karn Myers, Co-Founders

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The day-to-day needs of our program are many, as constant attention must be given to clinic staffing and preparation, responding to caregiver applications, scheduling spay-neuter appointments, issuing voucher and coupons, paying vets, managing volunteers, fundraising, community outreach, and much more... With so much to do, it's easy to get caught up in one's own world and forget that there is more to our mission than simply our own agenda. In fact, we're number 2 in the TNR cycle, whereas you, our clients, represent both the T and the R!

This being the case, we take this opportunity to recognize the significant contribution you make to the cause we advocate. Without your individual initiative, borne of little more than a vague desire to "do something," there would be no need for a service like Best Friends Catnippers. No one forces you to care for feral cats, yet you are drawn to learning about TNR and humane trapping, spending long and solitary hours, often at night in bleak surroundings, transporting your charges to and from clinics or independent vet offices for spay/neuter surgery, and generally investing major amounts of time and money in feral cat colony management.

We at Best Friends Catnippers thank and commend you for taking this initiative. Without your participation, there would be no way to sterilize more than 12,000 cats over the course of the last 8 years. It is our honor to serve you...

Sincerely,

*Mark & Karn*

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