



The Octavio Feline Foundation News

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From the President's desk;

November 1, 2006 marked our first anniversary and by now we have 50 members!!!

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank a person that has become "my right hand", our member and volunteer, **Giomar Villegas** of Kendall.

Not only she is fixing cats in her community but she was also the liaison between Sara Gonzalez and me. She went to investigate a situation in another community in the Kendall Lakes area that was brought to our attention by another member, Eduardo Fernandez who was the first person that discovered Sara's cats.

Giomar went to talk to Sara and gave me a report with all the details of the case. We set the date and to our surprise when we went to get the cats, Sara, who is 80 years old, had 5 of 6 female cats in carriers already! I only had to trap 1!

I couldn't hold my surprise and I told her that this was the first time that I got such a big help! To Giomar and Sara, Thank you very much!

Now, I would like to share with all of you something that will be a big success for our organization. Couple of weeks ago my sister called me to invite me to a meeting with the Police Department to talk about some cats in an elderly community complex. In the mean time, I mentioned it to Dr. Pablo Perez and the staff at the MAC Unit and they offered to fix those cats in their free time!!!! So I contacted Animal Services Division and I asked Dr. Sara Pizano the Director for ASD, to let me use the MAC Unit at the location one day just to do all those cat. I never thought that the answer was going to be "YES". I believe that day we will be in the news because this will be a big event between Octavio Feline Foundation and Animal Services Division. As soon as I confirm the date, I will let you know.

By Silvia M. Valles



Total cats sterilized: **41**
Pregnant females: **9**
Unborn kittens: 33
Non-pregnant females: **17**
Males: **15**
These numbers do not include the cats taken directly to the participating vets by members.

Help needed from members!!!!

We need to create a team to assist elderly members who due to their age or an illness cannot do TNR by themselves. There are other members who have no transportation but need help taking cats and kittens to/from the vets. If you would like to assist these members, please contact me @ 305-267-0511

Special Thanks to:

Dr. Pablo Perez and all the staff at the MAC Unit, for their help fixing most of our cats.

All Veterinary Supply, for their monthly contributions.

Drs. Gladys and Maria Soto, from West Miami Animal Clinic for helping me with all the kitties I rescue.

In need have:

- A used car or mini-van
- Food and litter for low-income members
- Monetary donations to sterilize cats in low-income areas

T-shirts are for sale now: Members \$ 12.00
Non-members \$ 15.00
2007 Cat Calendars \$ 5.00

If you have a cat question, please, do not hesitate to call me @ 305-267-0511, I always say that it is better to ask a dumb question than to make a dumb mistake!!!! Or you can e-mail me at smvalles@bellsouth.net