

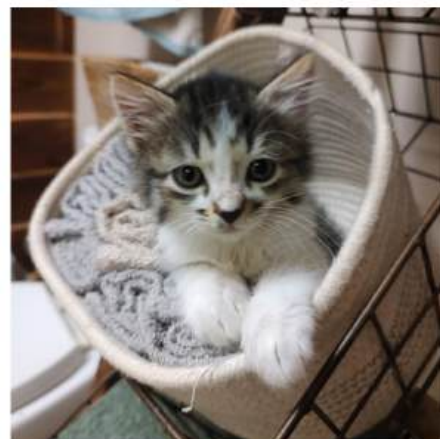


# NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

## Oh My Darling!

Cat's Cradle has been busy! Back in May, we received a call about cats and kittens at a local protein plant, Darling Ingredients, in Linville, Virginia. This facility produces the base protein for most of the cat and dog food on the market. As is the case with colonies where cats aren't altered, the numbers were quite high: they estimated they had about 40-50 cats in need of TNR across three locations on their property. Once returned, these cats would have dedicated caretakers to look after them.



When we arrived on the scene, we ended up trapping 66 total cats, of whom 17 were tiny kittens found in a sewer line. These little kittens were too fragile to return to the site and were taken into our adoption program. Many had severe upper respiratory infections and two of the kittens had to have eye enucleations. All the kittens received four-way vaccines, multiple rounds of deworming medications, antibiotics, and were tested for FeLV/FIV as well as microchipped. They were then spayed or neutered and received a rabies vaccine. One funny thing is that all of the kittens looked so much alike that we had to use little colored Velcro collars to identify them!

We're happy to report that all of the little kittens are healthy now and have been adopted to loving homes. No more sewer lines for these precious babies, actually, DARLING babies!

Cat's Cradle remains a trusted and invaluable organization in our community, and we leverage every resource to do what we do. By utilizing contributions from people like you, grant funds from organizations like PetSmart Charities (whose grant helped with this TNR project), our partnership with RHSPCA for TNR, our incredible fosters, and the employees and volunteers on the ground rescuing kitties, our combined efforts produce wonderful results.

**Thank you so much!! Let's keep saving lives!**



## 2024 SUMMERTIME CHALLENGE UPDATE!

Thanks to our amazing supporters! You have done it yet again - - you came through, and our anonymous, world-record holder for 'most wonderful sponsor' gave \$50,000 to kick off the Summertime Challenge! With your support we also blew away our community sponsored challenge of \$65,000 and came in at \$69,090! We are so grateful to all of you - - **you have an unbroken record of helping us achieve our matching funds goal in this single largest annual fundraiser to keep our doors open and our programs afloat.** We appreciate you and the support you lend to Cat's Cradle!

We can't do it without you, folks, and we are humbled that you have never let us down - - you put your compassion into action to help us save the lives of the animals who can't help themselves. No matter what you donated this year, **we are grateful for every single contribution**, and each dollar will help to support our vital programs.

We especially want to recognize our incredible **Challenge Sponsors** and have posted their names on the following page!



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## Summertime Challenge

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## 2024 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA CAMPAIGN (CVC)



Calling all state employees! Now's your chance to help Cat's Cradle by signing up to make your donation through payroll deduction. The campaign starts in October and runs through December. You can check it out at [www.cvcgives.org](http://www.cvcgives.org). Cat's Cradle's charity code is 200079, but you can also search us by name:

**Cat's Cradle of the Shenandoah Valley**

## THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT 2024 NUMBERS THROUGH 8/31

- **2,195 spay/neuter surgeries facilitated**
- **503 cats and kittens rescued from partner shelters**
- **387 cats and kittens adopted out**
- **147 families have been authorized for medical assistance**
- **Trap, Neuter, Return: 826**

