Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue

Organization Info:

Name of Organization: Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue

Website: http://www.rmfr-colorado.org/

Address: 2390 S. Delaware, Denver, CO 80223

Mission Statement:

Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue is a no-kill cat rescue dedicated to:

Sheltering and caring for abandoned, abused, and unwanted cats and kittens until permanent homes can be found;

Encouraging responsible pet ownership;

Educating the public through community outreach; and

Providing trap, neuter and release and spay/neuter information and resources.

Contact Person for Questions (name, email, and phone number): Kevin Snow, 303-564-7570, kepharris@yahoo.com

Please check the <u>most</u> appropriate issue dealt with by your organization:					
Children	Elderly _	Hunger/Homelessness	Disaster Relief	_X_	_Animal Welfare
Health/WellnessEnvironment Human Rights					

About Your Issue Area:

What is the deeper issue behind your organization?

We are trying to take care of the issue of pet overpopulation, a problem created by people that must be solved by people.

What programs or services does your organization offer?

The most important thing we have young volunteers do is take care of our cats: petting, brushing, feeding, etc. Beyond these very necessary elements, folks are welcome to get involved in community outreach.

Do you have an interesting story about your organization or programs to share with the students?

The work we do is never complete, even if it seems it might be. Sometimes we have cats returned to us, even after they have been gone for a decade, because people have lost jobs, homes, the option to have a feline friend. The shelter is always ready to take these little lives in, in hopes of finding them a "forever home."

How Can Students Help?

How can students help through specific, tangible cash grants? (ex: \$25 feeds 1 dog for 1 month) \$25-buys litter for a single day

\$50-buys 3 bags of adult maintenance dry food

\$100-buys six spays/neuters \$75-buys 4 cases of Friskies wet food

How can students help through service grants? (What is useful to your organization and educational to students?)

The most important thing we need done is for folks to pet cats. This may sound way too easy, but keeping the cats accustomed to human contact allows them to more readily find homes. That is why we are here, thus it is our top priority. Beyond that, students may help clean and feed within the shelter. Outside the shelter, they may speak for the shelter, through outreach events and other efforts at advocacy. Even without being formally trained to do so, it is important for young people to speak on issues of animal welfare and humane treatment, simply to make PEOPLE better about how they interact with the world!

Do you provide volunteer opportunities for youth? (If so, what ages, and what types of volunteer opportunities do you provide?)

Yes, all ages may volunteer. Children of 13 or under must be accompanied by an adult when at the shelter. The opportunities are the same for all ages, though it is generally easier for the younger set to do more of the petting and leave the advocacy and outreach for older children.