

Monessen Cat Management Program



Encouraging responsible ownership, promoting partnerships,
providing resources & support

The issues at hand

- Like many other communities across the Valley, region, state and country, Monessen has a cat overpopulation problem.
- Residents feed, and will continue to feed, stray cats.
- Residents allow their pet cats to roam neighborhoods.
- Residents own an overabundance of pets, often times lacking the information and/or resources to properly care for them.

Opportunities & Options

- Educate, educate, educate
- 60-90 second Public Service Announcements
- Flyers and pamphlets (digital & print versions)
- Low-cost spay/neuter services for domesticated pet cats
- No-cost spay/neuter services for strays
- Resources through existing and new partnerships

So what's the plan?

- Create a cat management program for the City
- Raise awareness through a Public Relations blitz
- Mon Valley Mobile Cat Clinic ... first stop, Monessen!
- Establish a Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) program for City residents interested in trapping strays, having them fixed, and releasing them back to where they were
- Reach out to neighboring communities to ask questions and share information

Next steps

- Gauge community interest, encourage residents to participate
- Establish neighborhood Street Teams to monitor & report stray cat activity
- Distribute loaner cat & kitten traps to City residents who wish to TNR on their own
- Distribute free cat & kitten collars to City residents for use on their pet indoor/outdoor cats

Mon Valley Mobile Cat Clinic

- First stop: Monessen - Week of November 2, 2026
- Potential 2027 stops:
 - Charleroi - Week of April 5
 - Monongahela - Week of July 5
 - Belle Vernon - Week of November 1
- Monessen Cat Management Program will work with the Mobile Clinic to coordinate locations & times
- Strays will be fixed/vetted free of charge.

Monessen Mobile Cat Clinic

- Week of November 2, 2026
- Monessen Cat Management will work backward from the agreed upon date to plan for a well coordinated event.
- Trapping will occur 2-4 days prior to the event.
- Trapped cats will either be kept by the residents who trap them, or;
- Trapped cats will be held by the City at a location TBD.