

3,000 Cats Eligible to Win \$1,398 from the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon

The Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO) kicks off its official countdown to its milestone 100,000th cat spay/neuter surgery with a drawing for the next 3,000 cats and kittens that come through its program.

Having spayed and neutered more than 97,000 cats since the program was established by local veterinarians in 1995, FCCO is encouraging the community to help spay/neuter feral, stray, and pet cats as a simple, humane, and effective way to curb pet overpop-

ulation and reduce the number of homeless pets in Oregon and SW Washington. Every cat that comes to its clinic between now and the 100,000th cat (expected in late August/early September) will be entered into a drawing to win \$1,398 and second place wins \$101. This seems like an odd number but FCCO chose the prize money on purpose. According to the feral cat equation, one unaltered female and her offspring, can produce 1.398 MILLION cats over the span of 10 years. Just imagine the amount of feral and stray

cats that FCCO and the wonderful caregivers in our community will have prevented by spaying and neutering 100,000 cats. "Our goal has always been to make spay/neuter clinics accessible and affordable to caregivers of feral and stray cats, and more recently pet owners that struggle financially. We are very proud to be reaching this incredible milestone with the help of so many people who care so deeply about cats," said Karen Kraus, Executive Director of the Feral

$$\text{Cat} + \sum_{1}^{10} 4(4)^{n-1} = 1 + 4 \left[\frac{1-4^{10}}{1-4} \right] = 1,398,101$$

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Library Celebrates Read Across America Day with The Cat in the Hat!

The Vernonia Library celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with a party on March 2 featuring cake, crafts, and a visit and story from The Cat in the Hat. Read Across America Day, which falls on Dr. Seuss's birthday, is an annual event to promote the importance of reading for children.



Laird Named "Media Person of the Year"

Vernonia's Voice publisher Scott Laird was recognized at the OSAA State Wrestling Tournament as the "2018 Media Person of the Year" by the Oregon High School Wrestling Coaches Association. Laird was nominated by Vernonia High School wrestling head coach Chris Barnes (right).

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