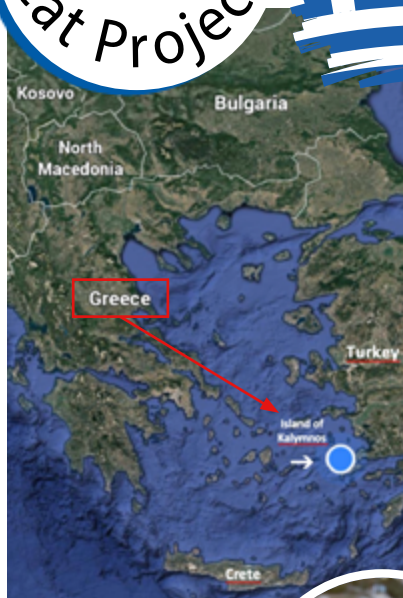


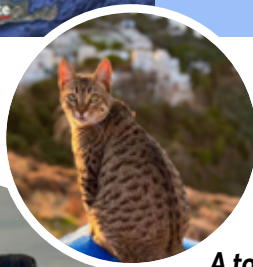
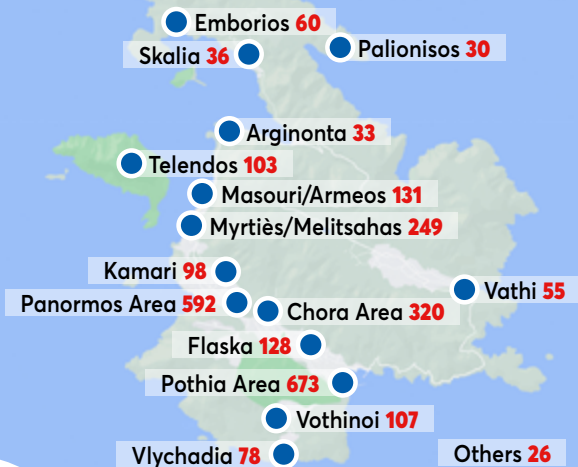


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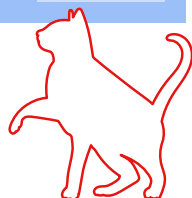
End-of-Year Report



Island of Kalymnos



2719 sterilisations



A total of 2798 cats have passed through the Kalymnos Cat Project (KCP) since its creation in 2021, of these, 2719 sterilisations. In addition to sterilisations, other street cats were treated for illness and/or injuries and more than 60 cats have been adopted into loving families.

In 2024, thanks to the generous support of our donors, 1,034 cats passed through the KCP (985 sterilisations) at a cost of 54,333€ in veterinary care alone.

To continue the project in 2025 and beyond, further donations will be needed.

We need your support!



What was new in 2024?

The three local vets agreed to give us two weeks (once in February and once in November) of reduced prices to do massive Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) campaigns.

Several volunteers came to help out with these ambitious campaigns. We were very lucky with the weather although in February some of our volunteers arrived late or couldn't come at all because of the high winds and the cancellations of the boats. And in November, the weather held out until the very end where there were torrential rains, so we did all the clean-up and putting away of equipment under flood conditions. Thank goodness it was dry during the actual captures.



Το Kalymnos Cat Project είναι ένα εθελοντικό πρόγραμμα που εστιάζει στην εκπαίδευση και στο Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) για τη διαχείριση του μεγάλου αριθμού αδέσποτων γατών στο νησί της Καλύμνου, που εκτιμάται ότι είναι περίπου 20.000,



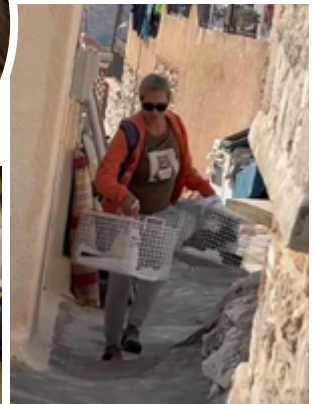
181 cats captured and sterilised during the week-long February campaign. **The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust** helped us with this feat.



231 cats were captured and sterilised during the week-long November campaign that was sponsored by **Animal Action Greece**. The Kalymnos Cat Project is proud to have been chosen by Animal Action Greece as their TNR charity to support in 2024. Thank you!



Thank you AAG!





41 cats sterilised from Vothinoi, Kantouni and Chora

Leslie with three volunteers just arrived
from France, Marie, Françoise and Brigitte.



Release of the Vothinoi bus-stop cats.

Vothinoi

Kantouni



Neutered cat
enjoying his seat
on the beach, and
also a chicken!!!



First cat captured, Kantouni Colony 2.



This cat is reaching its paw into the trap for the bait, clever!

Seven cats released at colony 2 Kantouni Beach.





Cat Headquarters, we kept the cats before and after the vet in the building of the Chora theater.



Chora theater parking.



Our days off in Chora!

However, **24 more cats** were captured and neutered.

84 cats Ag Panteleimonas, Chora and Elies

Chora

Kalliopi and Alexis, two volunteers from Athens arrived to help out!



Alexis Mantzoros, who is very well-known in Greece for TNR, came to Kalymnos for the weekend with his van and his equipment. He demonstrated his equipment and techniques, we really learned a lot.

Reconnaissance mission for a colony of 20 cats above the monastery in Chora.

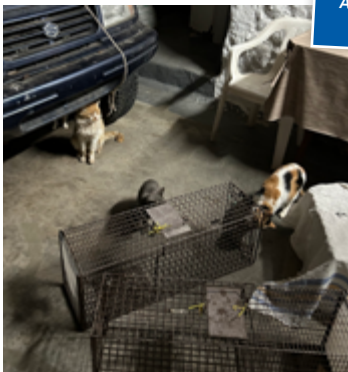
Alexis demonstrates his equipment for some volunteers



Alexis shows how to transfer a cat from the net into a transport cage.



Capture begins at the colony above the monastery.



Another colony close to the monastery above Chora.

Leslie with Alexis Mantzoros, Greece's TNR star!





Releasing the cats in the colony above the monastery.



Our German volunteer Judith with the cats in their clean cages ready to spend the night then go to the vet early the next day.



Around midnight, cats installed for the night.

82 cats sterilised All from Chora

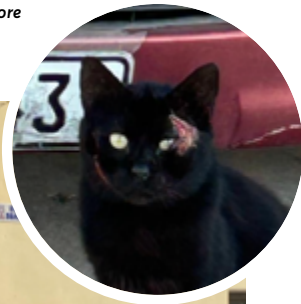


At the vet.



Back from the vet, the cats are transferred into clean cages while they fully wake up before being released either late that night or early the next morning.

This cat had many wounds from fighting, he was captured, neutered and one of our volunteers kept him in hospitalisation to give him a round of antibiotics before releasing him.



Marina and Silvia taking those 46 cats up all those stairs!



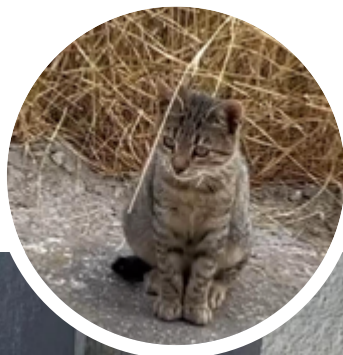
Mother-daughter team of volunteers, Misha and Trinity worked tirelessly making sure the cats were clean and comfortable.



Our volunteers Helen and Marina taking care of 46 post-op cats.

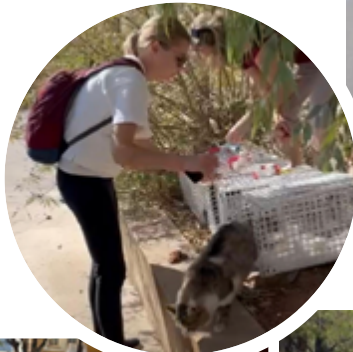
Chora

This little guy isn't big enough to be neutered.



Posters for the "town meeting" in Chora.

Judith and Marie releasing cats.



Prothomos in Chora, about 50 cats in this colony, to be continued...



Anneke and Birgit cleaning cages.



Sue and Misha helping out, when you have more than 80 cages and traps, cleaning them is such a big job.



Cages, cages, cages, and more cages! Thanks to WVS!



Thanks to the fourth year of generous support by the Brigitte Bardot Foundation, we have gotten several colonies under control and they are monitored, fed and cared for all year round. Although these colonies are monitored and "under control" there is an ongoing need for TNR as many cats are abandoned at these stations, or show up because they know they'll be fed. Thank you for your continued support.



Upper Masouri Road Colony

This cat was caught and neutered in November.



We'd like to highlight one of these colonies that was part of our original sterilisations thanks to the first grant by the Brigitte Bardot Foundation 2021, the Upper Masouri Road Colony. We discovered this colony at the start of the project, there were many young cats at an abandoned building. There were just so many, and they were always waiting for food.



Feeding stations.

We captured and had sterilised 18 in 2021 and every time we returned we'd catch the newcomers. Tourists fed these cats during the season but in the winter time they weren't in good shape from lack of regular food. Now it is one of our official feeding stations that is supplied regularly with fresh food and water.





The island of Telendos is a real success story that warms our hearts. On this small island, ten minutes by boat from Kalymnos, we would say that 95% of the cats are sterilised.



Haisuli.

Telendos

a real success story

We have even moved a few young, neutered cats that were in danger on Kalymnos to Telendos to replace the older cats that die. Some young kittens have been placed there as well and they will be sterilised when they are six-months old. Hanna and Tero, a couple who have recently moved to Telendos from Finland to start a bed & breakfast, have become volunteers for the project and they are doing a very good job looking after the cats on the island.

If ever our finances would allow, we dream of making the island of Telendos a sanctuary for the cats in danger on the island of Kalymnos. For the moment, it's only a dream, but you never know...



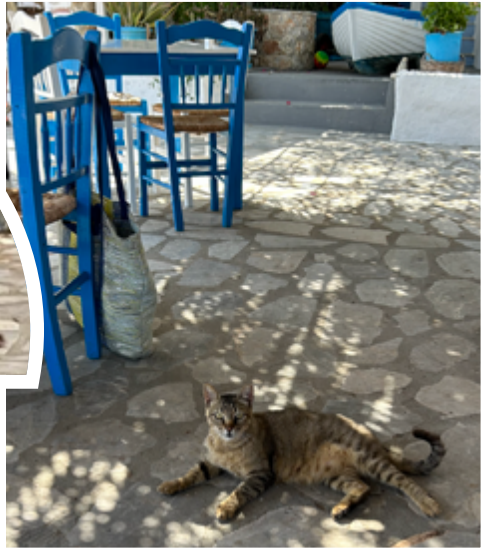
Telendos Alexis and Kalliopi with friendly cat at Rita's café.

Feeding station.



Hanna's famous cinnamon buns served at her B&B.





Tero and Hanna with Haisuli, a kitten they rescued from Kalymnos.



Tero and friends.



Telendos, the three-legged, one-eyed cat Princess Tripod receives treatment for a small wound.



Telendos Brigitte and friend.





Kamari colony 2, this colony had about 20 unneutered cats fed by a neighbour, all were captured and sterilised during the February campaign.

Kamari & Plati Gialos Colonies

Reconnaissance mission Kamari colony 1, mostly neutered cats, just a few left to TNR. These cats are fed by tourists during tourist season, and a local passes every 2-3 days to leave food.

24 cats neutered
in two colonies from Plati Gialos

Plati Gialos colony 1,
13 cats captured first night.



Plati Gialos colony 2,
10 cats captured.



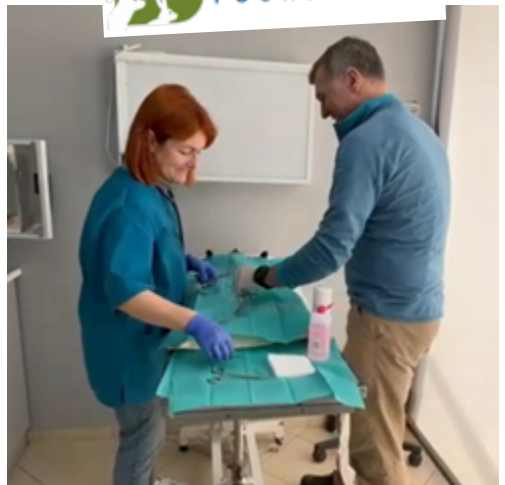
The Cold Noses Foundation, based in the US, is in its second year of helping us give many of the cats on Kalymnos a better life. Thank you so much for your support!



Bringing cats to the vet.



Our volunteer Joe unloading cats at the vet.



Joe assists the vet.



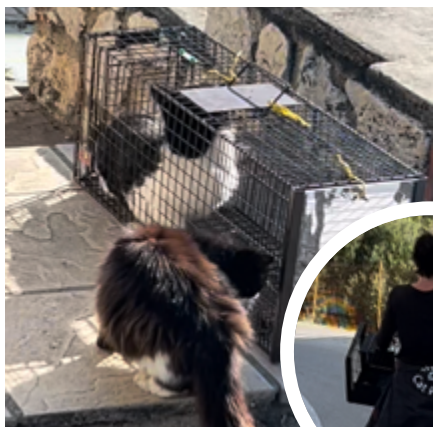
Colony 3 Plati Gialos Beach, this colony is a healthy, well fed colony, most cats trapped and sterilised in 2023, just a few to trap this time.

This little guy is already neutered, notice the clipped ear.



These three cats are already sterilised, we are trying to keep them occupied with food so we can trap the unsterilised ones.

36 cats neutered from Pigadia and Plati Gialos



Gotcha! Plati Gialos colony 4.



Pigadia in Panormos, colony fed by an elderly man. We were expecting eight cats and caught 18 in two days.



Marina patiently waiting... Plati Gialos Beach.

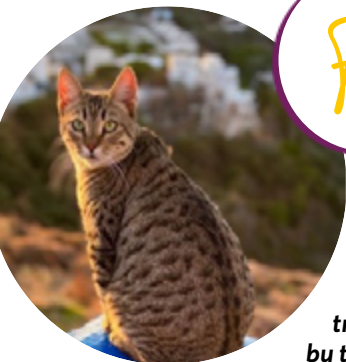
We get our exercise hauling traps around!



Getting ready to take first cats back to release them.



36 cats neutered from Pigadia and Plati Gialos.



Other Feeding stations and monitored colonies

Our donors finance and our volunteers fill 14 feeding stations on the island of Kalymnos and two on the island of Telendos. These feeding stations provide food and water for monitored, sterilised colonies and the volunteers actively trap and have sterilised the newcomers who either show up by themselves looking for food, or, as in many cases, are abandoned there.



Emborios, one of the three feeding stations.



Goat-proof feeding station at Pirate's Bay.



Kamari hill feeding stations.





Plati Gialos feeding station.



One of the four feeding stations in Masouri.



Newly sterilised cat being let out to its colony.



Pothia, well-fed, monitored colony.



Arginonta feeding station.



45 cats and kittens were adopted in 2024



In 2024 more than ever, some of our dedicated volunteers have taken an interest in helping to get some of the friendly, abandoned cats off the streets and into loving families. 45 cats and kittens were adopted in 2024. The care and preparation of these cats for adoption is financed exclusively by the adopters and caring visitors and supporters who would like to help these cats have a better life.



Minty, Polo, Helios, Eos and Jimmy waiting to be adopted while Helen makes sure they're happy while preparing to travel.

Escorts & adoptions



Selini on her way to France.



Eos, Helios, and Aanoud are on their way.



Cleo on the first leg of her long journey.



Sweetie in his foldable park on the boat to Athens.

Bulma, Maiko, Hippo, Crata, Styx, Hercule starting their trip to France and their new life.

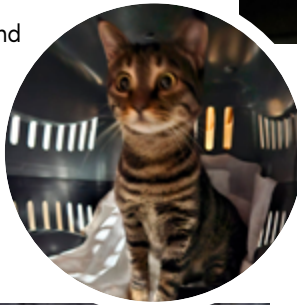


Alitis, Chipilika and Peg on the bus going to the plane.



Blind cat Ray in his foster home. Our volunteer Mel has turned her home into a cats' paradise while they're awaiting to be adopted.

Most of these kittens and cats were found in very bad shape, either abandoned next to a rubbish bin or found by a visitor who wanted to help a skinny, sickly kitten who would have surely died on the street. The visitors and adopters really chip in to help, financially or offering to adopt or foster these cats since we are not equipped to handle the multitude of kittens and cats in need. Thanks to all of you who helped in 2024.

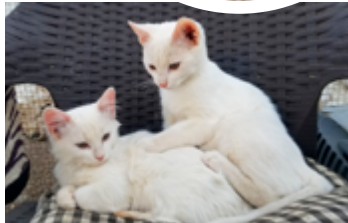


Cleo was found by a very nice visiting family who just couldn't leave her on the streets. She eventually was escorted to Munich where her family came to pick her up and take her to Sweden.

Elli, arriving at her new home after a very long trip.



Pirate, a lovely one-eyed cat living her best life. She was adopted by our volunteer Mel.



Minty and Polo, 2 kittens adopted together.



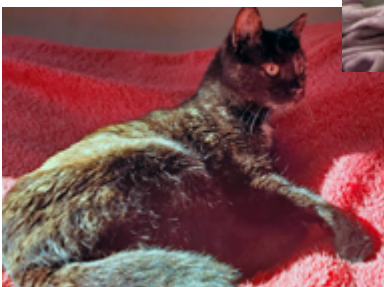
Sky and Stella adopted together.



Shadow and Jade in their new home.



Helios and Eos in their new home.



The lovely older, lame cat Peg, now called Elipse is enjoying a pampered life in France.

If you would like to become an adopter or an escort for a friendly Kalymnian cat in need, please contact silvia@kalymnoscatterproject.com



Worldwide Veterinary Services (WVS) donated 40 professional cages and traps to double our capacity to capture and hold the cats in the best conditions.



The Kalymnos Cat Project would not be possible without the generous support of the **Brigitte Bardot Foundation**, **The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust** and the **Cold Noses Foundation**. We are especially proud that **Animal Action Greece** chose the KCP as their TNR project to support in 2024. We would also like to thank **Worldwide Veterinary Services**, the **Martine & Bertram Pohl Foundation**, the **Animal Defence Trust**, and the **Binky Foundation** for their financial support.



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