



Dalton State College is Approved for a TNR Grant

Dalton State College is the first recipient of the TNR grant National Spay Alliance Foundation is offering Whitfield County. Their program was founded three years ago by observant faculty who saw the campus turning into a home for strays. Dalton State is nestled into some beautiful forestry, and since the wild bird population can be negatively impacted by cat overpopulation something had to be done. So Kampus Kats, the TNR program run by staff and student volunteers, developed to meet that need. By spaying and neutering these feral cats, it will allow the animals to stay in their home and have a balanced impact on their environment without becoming a problem.



Paul Tate and Nancey Mason have lead the Kampus Kats program for the last three years. The program does not rely on college administration help, it is solely powered by staff and student volunteers. The volunteers make donations, and help care for the cats. So far, they have managed to get 22 cats fixed in their colony. They continue to care for these stray cats after they are fixed by providing food and adequate shelter. They can identify which cats have been fixed and have had the Rabies vaccine by the tipped ear. Which is a small piece of the tip of their ear that is surgically removed at the time of spay or neuter. Below, the black cat's right ear has been tipped, and the orange cat's ear has not been tipped.

