



**Agenda**  
**Topping Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, May 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM**  
**Moore Building Meeting Room**  
**110 N Main Street, Madison, Virginia 22727**

**Notice:**

A meeting of the Topping Committee will be held on May 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the meeting room of the Moore Building at 110 N. Main Street in Madison, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a request by Madison Cat Action Team and any other business that is properly presented.

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Determine Presence of a Quorum**

Members:

Clay Jackson  
Amber Foster  
Jack Hobbs  
Greg Cave  
Annette Dodson

**Business**

Discussion on Madison Cat Action Team Request

Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

**Adjourn**

**From:** Greg Cave <[gcave@madisonco.virginia.gov](mailto:gcave@madisonco.virginia.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:14 AM  
**To:** Jack Hobbs <[jhobbs@madisonco.virginia.gov](mailto:jhobbs@madisonco.virginia.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Topping's Proposal Request

FYI

Please review and advise.... if the Toppings committee needs to meet and when.

Thanks Jack  
Greg

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Laurie Counts <[madisoncommunitycats@gmail.com](mailto:madisoncommunitycats@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 15, 2020 at 4:26:18 PM EDT  
**To:** Greg Cave <[gcave@madisonco.virginia.gov](mailto:gcave@madisonco.virginia.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gary Misch <[weakley.hollow@gmail.com](mailto:weakley.hollow@gmail.com)>  
**Subject: Re: Topping's Proposal Request**

Hi Greg - my reply messed up your numbering, but I think we have answered all your questions. I saw minutes of a Topping(s) Fund meeting from last year and it appears that the money is ONLY for Spay/Neuter, which is what MAD Cats would use it for.

In the last 2 weeks, we have taken in 17 kittens, from bottle babies to 6 week olds and have a waiting list of maybe 12 more as of today. The requests are coming, more than 1 per day sometimes.

When I called the Shelter this afternoon, there were no cats or kittens. MAD Cats TNR program seems to be working to keep cats from being surrendered to the shelter - we hope you will decide to provide us with financial support.

Laurie Counts and Gary Misch  
Madison Community Cats

- 1 Please verify what, if any, other localities in addition to Madison County would be served with the requested funds. **None. Any funding from Madison County would be used solely for Madison County cats.**
- 2 Are there any combo testing such as feline leukemia, feline aids, etc. on any of the TNR cats? **No. Best Practices for TNR programs specifically recommend against combo testing. Feline Leukemia only affects between 2-3% of all cats in the United States according to Cornell University. Cats with Feline Leukemia generally do not survive more than a year or two at most.**

**FIV, also known as Feline Aids, affects only 1.5-3%, and cats may live out a normal life span.**

1. 3. Any contagious diseases listed above, how would Mad Cats assist or address? **Visibly sick cats would not be candidates for TNR. Recently one of our colony caregivers noticed that one of the cats, previously neutered, appeared to be injured. We took the cat to our vet where it was determined that he had an auto-immune disease with poor prognosis for recovery- the cat was humanely euthanized. Less serious, but contagious illnesses, such as Upper Respiratory Infections are treated at the time of S/N with Convenia - a long lasting antibiotic given by injection. Minor cuts or abscesses are also treated.**
- 3 How many colonies are currently being cared for in Madison County? **We have no idea how many colonies may exist in Madison County. Since January 1, we have worked with 9 colony caregivers with an average of 15-26 cats. We supply monthly donations of food to 6 Madison Colonies at this time. Gary personally cares for the colony in Syria, which has about 10 cats .**
- 4 Is there a waiting list on TNR in Madison County? **Yes**
- 5 What other local governments fund Mad Cats programs? **None.**
- 6 Please list agencies, shelters, etc. Mad Cats is currently working with? **MAD Cats is part of the Culpeper County TNR Alliance as of November 2019. With a few exceptions, mostly due to location, we have stopped taking new clients from Culpeper and refer them to Culpeper Humane Society. As part of the Alliance, we trap cats 1, rarely 2, times a month for CHS - they do all the transporting. We have trapped 21 cats for CHS, and 157 from Madison County since January 1, 2020. MAD Cats works with the Winchester SPCA for kitten adoptions. Although we could legally do our own adoptions, we prefer to focus our efforts on TNR.**
- 7 As listed, Mad Cats has serviced 70% of Madison County S/N, much greater than Culpeper. Is Mad Cats focusing more in Madison or does Feline & Friends and For the Cat's Sake S/N a greater number of Culpeper County cats? **I don't have any information about cats S/N by any other organizations. MAD Cats is focused on Madison County as explained above.**
- 8 Does Mad Cats offer any SAM programs? (spay a momma) **We don't have a program with that name, but we are currently offering our S/N services for free to Madison County residents.**
- 9 When was this organization first establish? **As per our IRS Exemption Letter, Oct. 29, 2018**

If funding is approved, how does Mad Cats plan to use the additional funds requested? (only for TNR, assist individuals with S/N of domesticated cats, food, etc?) **Funding would be used only for Spay/Neuter of Madison County Cats. We do assist individuals with domesticated cats as well as those with colonies. Maybe 20% of our requests are from people with domestic cats.**

On May 13, 2020, at 12:18 PM, Greg Cave <[gcave@madisonco.virginia.gov](mailto:gcave@madisonco.virginia.gov)> wrote:

Laurie,

Regarding your proposal request.... Can you please review and update any information that's needed in your FY2021 AGENCY FUNDING APPLICATION you submitted to the board?

Also, please review the following and advise.

1. Please verify what, if any, other localities in addition to Madison County would be served with the requested funds.
2. Are there any combo testing such as feline leukemia, feline aids, etc. on any of the TNR cats?
3. Any contagious diseases listed above, how would Mad Cats assist or address?
4. How many colonies are currently being cared for in Madison County?
5. Is there a waiting list on TNR in Madison County?
6. What other local governments fund Mad Cats programs?
7. Please list agencies, shelters, etc. Mad Cats is currently working with?
8. As listed, Mad Cats has serviced 70% of Madison County S/N, much greater than Culpeper. Is Mad Cats focusing more in Madison or does Feline & Friends and For the Cat's Sake S/N a greater number of Culpeper County cats?
9. Does Mad Cats offer any SAM programs? (spay a momma)
10. When was this organization first establish?
11. If funding is approved, how does Mad Cats plan to use the additional funds requested? (only for TNR, assist individuals with S/N of domesticated cats, food, etc?)

Thanks,

Greg A. Cave

Chief Animal Control Officer/ Shelter Manager

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# COUNTY OF MADISON

## FY2021 AGENCY FUNDING APPLICATION

**DEADLINE: January 13, 2020**



IDENTIFICATION	
<i>Organization/Agency Name:</i>	Madison Community Cats, aka MAD Cats
<i>Street Name:</i>	Robinson Lane
<i>Mailing Address:</i>	53 Robinson Lane, Syria VA 22743
<i>Agency Contact:</i>	Laurie Counts
<i>Telephone Number:</i>	540-738-0160, 540-229-1862
<i>E-mail Address – Agency Contact</i>	madisoncommunitycats@gmail.com
<i>Agency’s Web Address:</i>	<a href="http://www.madisoncommunitycats.org">www.madisoncommunitycats.org</a> facebook.com/madisoncommunitycats
<i>Federal Tax ID#:</i>	83-2073006
<i>Audit:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE
<p><i>Missions and Goals:</i></p> <p>MAD Cats is dedicated to improving the lives of cats in our community by providing no/low cost spay and neuter services to cat owners and colony caretakers in rural Madison and Culpeper Counties, Virginia.</p> <p>Our goals are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stabilize the cat population by reducing the number of unwanted kittens born each year,</li> <li>2. Encourage cat owners to spay/neuter and vaccinate their pets by providing no/low cost services, including trapping and transportation,</li> </ol>

3. Assist colony caretakers by providing monthly food delivery and winter shelters,
4. Foster orphans, litters and kittens from the community and our TNR projects. Work with local shelters and larger rescue organizations to transfer for adoption when kittens are healthy, socialized, spayed/neutered and vaccinated,

By achieving the goals listed above, we hope to reduce the number of cats and kittens surrendered to our local shelters and create a healthier cat community.

*Experience and Accomplishments:*

MAD Cats just completed our first year of operation, although we have been working in Madison and Culpeper counties previously as part of For the Cats' Sake. We formed our own organization in order to concentrate our efforts in Madison where there are no other cat rescues focusing on TNR, or Trap-Neuter-Return. In 2019, 219 cats and kittens went through our TNR program, 154 from Madison County. In 2020, MAD Cats intends to spend the majority of our resources, human and financial, in Madison County where our experience shows the need is greatest.

TNR is a globally recognized, humane approach to improving the lives of community cats and their owners/caretakers. Stray, feral or colony cats are trapped, spayed/neutered, vaccinated and returned to their owners/caregivers. Ear-tipping, while under anesthesia, easily identifies a cat as having gone through a TNR program.

Some of our accomplishments:

1. 253 cats spayed/neutered/vaccinated, (219 in 2019).
2. 71 distinct owners/caregivers assisted, 47 from Madison County.
3. 52 kittens went through our foster care program this year.
4. 4 colonies in Madison County are provided monthly deliveries of food.
5. 24 winter shelters provided to owners and caregivers for outdoor cats and colony use.
6. \$14,308 spent on Spay/Neuter.
7. \$3,600 spent caring for foster kittens and assisting community members with emergency vet expenses and routine care they could not afford.
8. \$17 k plus income from fundraising including sale of cat socks at local events, major fundraiser, Give Local Piedmont in May 2019, and donation boxes placed throughout Madison County.
9. \$6,250 in grants from non-profit animal rescue foundations

*Benefits of Funding:*

MAD Cats has created a budget for FY2020 (attached to this application) which projects that we will be able to Spay and Neuter approximately 200 cats from Madison County this year. We will accomplish this goal by setting up clinic dates each month through Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA and transporting 12-15 cats per trip. We also use Madison-Greene Humane Society, Dr.

Hayes, when we take 2-4 cats needing S/N in between trips to Charlottesville. Because we are partnering with the Culpeper Humane Society for Culpeper County TNR, we are freed from transporting cats from Culpeper and can focus our efforts more on Madison County. This year we are hoping to partner with the Madison County Animal Shelter to provide S/N services on a regularly scheduled basis to community members who need assistance with their owned, stray, or colony cats.

Offering S/N and transportation to the community at no cost, could potentially reduce the number of cats/kittens surrendered to the shelter. We often find that colony caregivers and even pet owners are unable to afford the prices charged by private vets. They may also have problems with transportation, or even need something as simple as a cat carrier. Un-neutered animals frequently have annoying habits that are greatly diminished with neutering. When owners are relieved of the expense of Spay/Neuter and vaccinations, they may be willing to keep their cats. This is especially true in the case of colonies when caregivers are offered assistance with feeding and removing adoptable kittens from the group. Colony sizes diminish over time especially when newcomers are quickly identified and sterilized.

*Intention of Use:*

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Funding received from Madison County would be used solely for the purpose of TNR and providing spay/neuter services to county residents.

Our funding request is a range: The cost of S/N and vaccinations at CASPCA is currently \$60 per cat.

Grant \$2,500 = 41 cats spayed, neutered and vaccinated

Grant \$5,000 = 83 cats spayed, neutered and vaccinated

FUNDING	
<i>Category of Funding</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Public Safety</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Health</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Arts/Culture</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>General Community/Civic</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Human Services</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Education</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Environment</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Recreation</i>
<i>Funding Request:</i>	\$ 2,500 - \$5,000

Signature: Laurie Counts Title: Treasurer

Printed Name: Laurie Counts, Treasurer

Date: 1/8/2020

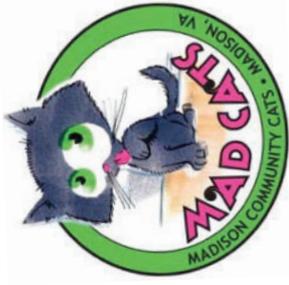


# Madison Community Cats

## Outside Agency Request

- MAD Cats is a 501(3)c, all volunteer, organization serving Madison and Culpeper Counties.
- Our Mission is to reduce cat over-population by operating a low/no cost spay and neuter program, Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR).
- Our TNR program is globally recognized as the most effective method for controlling cat populations.\*

\*Research shows that euthanizing large numbers of feral/community cats tends to make the population increase. TNR stabilizes the population. Eventually the stabilized population decreases.



# Madison Community Cats

## Outside Agency Request

### **What We Do:**

- MAD Cat volunteers trap and transport using their own equipment and vehicles.
- In 2019 we spayed/neutered/vaccinated 219 cats:
  - 154 (70%) were from Madison County.
  - We provide cat food to five colony caretakers every two weeks and winter shelters as needed.
  - On request we assist cat owners with vet expenses that are beyond their means to provide.



# Madison Community Cats

## Outside Agency Request

### **Benefits:**

- Fewer cats surrendered to shelter
  - Euthanasia rate reduced
- Fewer litters of unwanted kittens
- Healthier cat population
- Colony caretakers and Cat owners supported
- Fewer complaints to the County

Madison Community Cats

<b>MADISON COMMUNITY CATS Operating Budget FY2020</b>		
<b>SUMMARY</b>		<b>Projected Annual Total</b>
	<b>Income</b>	\$40,500
	<b>Expenses</b>	\$29,395
	<b>Difference</b>	\$11,105
<b>INCOME</b>		
	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
	Annual Festivals & Events	\$7,500
	Breweries/Wineries/Misc	\$3,500
	Donation Cans	\$5,500
	Give Local Piedmont	\$3,500
	<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>
	Facebook	\$2,000
	Individual Contributions	\$2,500
	Spay/Neuter	\$4,000
	<b>Grants</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
	Jessica Beath Foundation	\$5,000
	On Shore Foundation	\$1,000
	Other Sources	\$6,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>\$1,495</b>
	Marketing(Constant Contact)	\$240
	Marketing Supplies	\$300
	Membership	\$150
	Postage	\$80
	Printing	\$300
	State Corporation Commission	\$25
	Web Maintainance Fees	\$400
	<b>Colony Cats</b>	<b>\$1,890</b>
	Food	\$1,890
	<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
	Socks	\$3,000
	<b>Spay/Neuter</b>	<b>\$18,360</b>
	Anicira Veterinary Center	\$0
	CASPCA	\$14,400
	CHS Alliance	\$2,160
	Madison Companion	\$0
	Madison-Green Humane	\$1,800
	<b>TNR Equipment</b>	<b>\$600</b>
	<b>Vet Supplies, Test Kits, Vaccines</b>	<b>\$450</b>
	<b>Veterinary Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,600</b>
	Culpeper Animal Hospital	\$3,600

# Category Summary 2019

Date Range: Custom Dates (1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019)  
 Accounts: MADCats  
 Categories: Adjustment, Administrative, and 84 more  
 Tags: All Tags  
 Type: Custom

Show Memo/Notes

## ▼ Money In \$32,528.64

<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>\$2.70</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$18,790.17</b>
Annual Festivals & Events	\$7,360.50
Breweries/Wineries/Misc	\$3,051.00
Donation Cans	\$5,446.00
Give Local Piedmont	\$2,932.67
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$13,735.77</b>
Donations	\$7,485.77
Facebook	\$1,652.00
Individual Contributions	\$2,217.77
Spay/Neuter	\$3,616.00
Grants	\$6,250.00
Jessica Beath	\$5,250.00
On Shore Foundation	\$1,000.00

## ▼ Money Out -\$25,119.93

<b>Administrative</b>	<b>-\$935.54</b>
Marketing Supplies	-\$476.32
Printing and Reproduction (Business)	-\$150.00
State Corporation Commission	-\$25.00
WebMaintenanceFees	-\$284.22
<b>Colony Cats</b>	<b>-\$1,142.81</b>
Food	-\$1,142.81
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>-\$2,961.66</b>
Socks	-\$2,961.66
<b>Spay/Neuter</b>	<b>-\$15,227.65</b>
Anicira	-\$1,469.00

CASPCA	- \$2,660.00
CHS	- \$375.00
Madison Companion	- \$9,727.65
Madison-Green	- \$996.00
TNR-Equipment	- \$799.40
Vet Supplies, Test Kits, Vaccines	- \$433.54
Veterinary Expenses	- \$3,619.33
Culpeper Animal Hospital	- \$3,619.33

Money In:	\$32,528.64
Money Out:	- \$25,119.93
Net Total:	\$7,408.71

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

for Tax-Exempt Organization not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ

2018

Open to Public Inspection

**A** For the **2018** Calendar year, or tax year beginning **2018-01-01** and ending **2018-12-31****B** Check if available Terminated for Business Gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less**C** Name of Organization: **MADISON COMMUNITY CATS****53 Robinson Lane, Syria, VA,****US, 22743****D** Employee IdentificationNumber **83-2073006****E** Website:**F** Name of Principal Officer: **Gary Misch****53 Robinson Lane, Syria, VA,****US, 22743**

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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: DEC 04 2018

MADISON COMMUNITY CATS  
53 ROBINSON LANE  
SYRIA, VA 22743-0000

Employer Identification Number:  
83-2073006  
DLN:  
26053717003558  
Contact Person:  
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
509(a) (2)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
October 29, 2018  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

~~If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.~~

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

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