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Westminster Scout aids cat rescue group

Eagle award project results in birthing boxes, feeding stations for area's feral, stray cats

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Curtis Dunford of Westminster needed to complete his Eagle Scout project before his 18th birthday. That gave him only three weeks by the time he'd found a nonprofit organization that would benefit from his handiwork.

And handyman he was, with his project underway. His chosen nonprofit, Feline Alliance, was in need of feeding stations and birthing boxes for the feral cat colonies they are supporting in the Denver metro area. Dunford's three weeks were busy ones — he organized the project, helped design the plans, secured donations and recruited and directed volunteers to build 13 feeding stations and three birthing boxes.

These items were donated to Feline Alliance, where they will be used to help feed and care for the feral and stray cats in more than 30 colonies ranging from Lakewood to Erie. Feeding stations are used by colony caretakers to keep cat food dry and raise it off the ground and out of the reach of most wildlife that may stray into the area.

Birthing boxes are used by rescuers to keep mother cats and their babies safe and secure while the kittens are too young to move around safely on their own. With the arrival of spring and "kitten season," many animal welfare organizations like Feline Alliance will be helping to rescue and care for the growing number of pregnant cats and kittens in the feral and stray communities.

Curtis Dunford's contribu-

tions are greatly appreciated. Feeding stations are already being installed in local colonies, and Feline Alliance members — and the cats they help — are all admiring his handiwork.

Feline Alliance is a Westminster-based nonprofit that provides education and support for people who are caring for feral and stray cats in the Denver metro and surrounding areas.

Donations help this organization responsibly care for these cats through organized feeding, care and, most important, spay and neuter services to help reduce the population of feral and stray cats that roam the streets.

For more information on Feline Alliance, go to www.felinealliance.org.

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Foster cats test out a feeder built by Eagle Scout Curtis Dunford. These feeders will help Feline Alliance feed and care for feral cats in the Colorado area. *Linda Titus, YourHub.com Contributor*