



****NOTICE****

**ASCMV Temporarily Suspends
Public Community Cat Surgeries**

November 16, 2021

As of November 18, 2021, the ASCMV will temporarily suspend surgeries for community cats trapped and brought in by members of the public.

Community cats brought to the ASCMV by Animal Control (City and County) and rescue groups will still be accepted for surgery.

The ASCMV has attempted to keep up with all requests for community cat surgeries since the City of Las Cruces ordinance changed in August 2021 allowing trap-neuter-return (TNR) for community cats within City limits.

We welcome the new ordinance. However, the current level of surgery is unsustainable with our current staffing. The significant increase in the number of community cat surgeries means that we are falling behind on other necessary surgeries.

We assure you that the suspension is *temporary*, and we will resume surgeries for community cats brought in by the public as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

Clint Thacker
Executive Director, ASCMV



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