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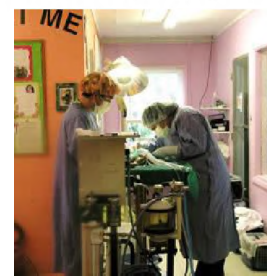
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Through an expanded collaboration with Ithaca's Shelter Outreach Services (SOS), Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine will assist in providing high quality, high volume spay/neuter services to animals in need in the region. The Finger Lakes SPCA of Central New York also partners with Shelter Outreach Services (SOS) to provide this much needed service.

Through this collaboration, Cornell veterinary students, along with a faculty veterinarian and a licensed veterinary technician will join SOS at the shelter to provide sterilization surgery. The initiative was launched on June 1, with the first spay/neuter clinic devoted solely to area barn cats that were brought to the shelter by their owners.

"The partnership is an excellent opportunity to broaden the College's relationship with the Shelter Outreach Services and other animal welfare organizations in an effort to provide students with more opportunities for quality surgical experiences that benefit patients whose access to medical care is limited," said Dr. Lorin Warnick, associate dean for veterinary curriculum. "The students will gain highly supervised hands-on surgical experience as well as experience in shelter medicine, skills that will serve them – and society – well."

Seen here, Dr. Paul Maza, a lecturer at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, instructs fourth-year veterinary student Marina Tejada, who provided sterilization surgeries for five area barn cats under the supervision of Dr. Maza at the June 19 event.

"We are all very excited about this opportunity to help in addressing the problem of cat overpopulation and in educating future veterinarians," said Carol Russell, executive director of the FLSPCA of Central New York."The barn cats will receive spay/neuter surgeries through this arrangement that will ultimately help the students, the animals, and local farmers."

There are a number of start-up costs associated with this program. If you are interested in supporting this program or purchasing specific items, please contact Amy Robinson at 607.253.3742 or amy.robinson@cornell.edu. Current needs include the following:

\$2,500 each	Two anesthetic machines
\$1,000	Pulse oximeter for monitoring during anesthesia
Any size	Gifts for equipment to support our students' technical skill-development
\$100	Provide transportation for an animal to a shelter