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2 surgeries for Tri-Park cats

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5 The Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) recently
6 announced it has received a \$5,000 grant dedicated to providing
7 100 free spay/neuter surgeries for cats owned by residents of the
8 Tri-Park Cooperative Housing Corporation.

9 This targeted initiative will take place in May to address
10 the growing feline population in the community. According to its
11 [website](#), Tri-Park houses approximately 1,000 residents, nearly

12 10% of Brattleboro’s population. WCHS estimates there are
13 between 300 and 400 cats living within the Tri-Park community,
14 including both owned pets and strays.

15 “While many of these cats are already altered, those that
16 aren’t fixed will begin breeding as the weather warms,” said
17 Maya Richmond, executive director of WCHS. “The math is
18 staggering: A female kitten born in March is capable of producing
19 her own litter by August. This grant allows us to intervene before
20 the summer population surge.”

21 To meet the ambitious goal of 100 surgeries in 30 days,
22 WCHS will host two high-volume “super-clinics” on Friday, May
23 8, and Monday, May 11.

24 “We are incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated
25 veterinary team, including Drs. White, Martino, and Cote, who
26 plan to perform nearly 50 surgeries on each of these dates,”
27 Richmond added.

28 In addition to population control, these services are a
29 vital component of public health. Each surgery includes a rabies
30 vaccination, protecting both pets and residents from diseases
31 carried by local wildlife.

32 Tri-Park residents wishing to book a free surgery during
33 the May clinics should contact WCHS immediately by emailing
34 jess@windhamcountyhumane.org or calling 802-254-2232
35 (select option #2).

36 Community members interested in supporting this
37 project or providing care for animals currently in the shelter can
38 donate online or mail contributions to P.O. Box 397, Brattleboro,
39 VT 05301.

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