

\$1,000 grant received from Build-a-Bear

Animal Friends Foundation has received a \$1,000 grant from The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation and Bearemy's Kennel Pals.

The Build-A-Bear Workshops are a retail chain that allows participants to build their own teddy bears and other stuffed animals. Articles of clothing and accessories are available to outfit the new "friends." The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation is committed to making life more bearable for children, families and pets in need of a helping paw. With the sale of each full-sized Bearemy's Kennel Pals friend – a collection of Build-A-Bear Workshop plush dogs – one dollar is donated to domestic pet programs, including animal shelters, stray pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and pet education programs around the country. These funds are available to qualified non-profit organizations in the United States and Canada through a quarterly grant process. Visit www.buildabear.com for more information.



"Our application was ambitious as we have identified more than 1,000 cats needing these services," said Carolyn Vinci, AFF President. "There are many, many compassionate people in our area who do this work on their own."

She said the grant will allow AFF to trap, neuter and return 20 feral cats currently being cared for in private colonies. AFF has supported these services for more than 500 cats since its founding in 2003.

Vinci notes that AFF has been awarded almost \$5,000 in grants in the last six months, adding that several AFF volunteers have worked to rescue feral kittens and find them homes as pets.