

Milam Touch of Love Annual Report, 2026

Board President

During our seventh year, we stayed focused on ensuring low-cost spay and neuter as well as trap neuter return (TNR) capabilities remain accessible in Milam County. We continue to partner with the cities of Milano and Thorndale to ensure their citizens have access to spay/neuter and TNR. Our supporters have ensured we can do much more good in the Milam County community. Our partnership with Brinlee Veterinary Services remains strong, and we are adding a partnership with Little Veterinary Services in May of 2026.

Board of Directors

We have five members on our Board of Directors:

Board President: Jean Schara
Board Secretary/Treasurer: Meghan Cummins
Board Member: Kristen Johnson
Board Member: Guyla Roberson
Board Member: Anne Mueller

Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: Milam County domestic animals are cared for and provided for by responsible owners.

Mission: Milam Touch of Love is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit volunteer organization working independently to help in efforts to care for domestic animals, educate their owners and the community, and help them achieve responsible ownership goals.

We formed as a legal entity in the State of Texas on May 3, 2019.

Top Supporters

We received a matching funds donation of \$5000 from an anonymous donor.

Your Milam County Commissioners believed our mission was important enough to support us with a donation of \$30,000 for this budget year.

From this, you can see that the majority of our donors are smaller donors, who enable us to do big things for Milam County.

How to Donate

We have received large and small donations via our postal box, from checks and cash left for us with Cameron's Animal Control Officer (ACO), and at the various events where we've set up our outreach booth. The Rockdale Reporter has a donation jar at their front desk which generates approximately \$25 per quarter. Many people choose to make recurring donations either with a monthly check, a recurring setup through PayPal, or through payroll deduction with their employer. Our recurring donations have reached \$285 per month. Most of these recurring donations are \$25 or less and make a big difference for us.

Financial Information

Through membership fees, donations, fundraising efforts, and program fees, we brought in \$145,603.07 from May 2025 through April 30, 2026.

As of April 30, 2026, we had \$15,384.35 cash on hand.

Where did we spend your donations?

- \$48,493.23 was spent for our Snip and Chip monthly low-cost spay and neuter program
 - \$49,246.85 was spent on our Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program
 - \$7,486.62 went to our May Day Spay program
 - \$4,352.73 purchased vaccines, flea treatment, and deworming medication for the Cameron Shelter
 - \$6,857.64 supported the Cameron Shelter for spaying and neutering
 - \$2,813.84 was needed for shelter veterinary care (not related to vaccinations, flea treatment, or wormer)
 - \$811.10 went to purchasing microchips for snip and chip and our outreach efforts to microchip dogs and cats in Milam County
 - We had \$1,144.92 for Milano Wellness Day
 - Emergency expenses accounted for \$80.32
 - Foster programs accounted for \$3,711.08
 - We had \$3,032.39 in operating costs, including PayPal, bank fees, postage, insurance, and shipping charges for our vaccines.
- Finally, \$2,188.00 was spent on various smaller expenditures.

This totals \$130,218.72 in expenses for our sixth fiscal year.

Programs Implemented

- The City of Milano continued supporting their citizens by paying all costs for spaying and neutering as well as wellness costs for city resident pets.
- The City of Thorndale continued supporting their citizens by budgeting to pay for spaying and neutering for their city residents' pets.
- In January, 2026, we decided to include FVRCP vaccines for all barn/porch cats and TNRs to improve the health of community cat colonies throughout Milam County.
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Highlights of Accomplishments

- 232 dogs were spayed or neutered and 223 were vaccinated against rabies (those not vaccinated under our program were able to prove they were current on vaccinations)
- Of 219 dogs tested for heartworms, 198 were negative.
- 220 owned cats were spayed or neutered and 207 were vaccinated against rabies (those not vaccinated under our program were able to prove they were current on vaccinations)
- 781 barn cats or porch cats have been spayed or neutered with an undocumented rabies shot (protecting the cat and improving public health)
- We have microchipped 2,304 pets since we began performing this service in December 2019

Success Stories

We continued our relationship with Dr. Brinlee in 2025-26. We have sites in Cameron, Milano, Minerva, and Thorndale where we can host events. We have a monthly wellness day, barn cat day, snip and chip day, and TNR.

Our schedule is standardized to TNR 20 cats on the first Wednesday morning of each month. Wellness Day is the afternoon of the first Wednesday of each month. We offer Barn Cat Day on the second Wednesday of each month where people bring barn cats and porch cats to be fixed and get an FVRCP and rabies vaccine. On the fourth Wednesday of each month (it shifts around the end-of-year holidays), we hold our monthly Snip and Chip event for pet dogs and cats.

The continued support provided by the County Commissioners and the cities of Milano and Thorndale is significant for our citizens.

In January 2026, we added FVRCP vaccinations to TNRs, barn cats, and porch cats for an additional \$5 for barn and porch cats. We recognize the value of protecting our community cat colonies as much as possible from the diseases the FVRCP prevents.

Beneficiary Data

We are aware of a large population in Milam County who love their pets but do not have the means to do all the things considered essential for “responsible pet owners.” Our goal is to help these people achieve this through low-cost or no-cost spay/neuter events. Our May Day Spay program covers the cost of spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, heartworm test, microchip, and CBC bloodwork for these pets. To help our donations spread further, we like to get at least some portion of our cost donated by people, but when that is not possible, the May Day Spay Program is available.

Vision for the Year Ahead

We plan to continue microchipping as many dogs and cats as possible at no charge. We don't ask for money at our microchipping events, but the donation jar is there. If people ask us, we suggest a \$10 donation. If they don't ask, we don't ask.

Despite only having one humane cat trapper, we have maintained our TNR capability this year. We have two people dedicated to working with cats (and a few dogs) in Rockdale.

We still seek to identify community cat managers. As we learn the terrain — many cat communities are already out there — we coordinate with the colony manager to get their colony spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear-tipped. We've experienced moderate success in people registering community cats in the Homeless Cat Census. We use this spreadsheet when we are planning our monthly TNR efforts. With more than 500 cats registered and only 20 slots per month, progress is steady but slow. Clearly, we can't keep ahead of reproduction, but we can help one or more colonies per month.

We created an online colony database capability using catstats.org. Our desire is to create a robust database where we track progress in neutering community cat colonies in a way that will allow us to be supportive of people's efforts to care for these communities.

Additionally, with our new relationship with Little Veterinary Services, we are shifting shelter spays and neuters to Dr Little when she sets up at the Cameron Shelter on the first Thursday of each month. We also plan to shift many of our May Day dogs and cats and a few TNRs to her services.

Finally, we continue to meet people who don't realize our primary mission is to make low-cost spay and neutering services available to Milam County residents. We are looking for volunteers to help with expanding our outreach to enhance our recognition in the community. Many people are aware of MTOL, but they aren't necessarily aware of our primary focus.