

## CAT LOVER LEAVES \$50K TO PROJECT PURR

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# Cat lover gives Project Purr a \$50,000 bequest

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SANTA CRUZ — An animal organization will use a \$50,000 bequest from a Santa Cruz resident and cat lover to continue providing low-cost spay and neuter services to feral cats living in Santa Cruz County.

Project Purr, a volunteer nonprofit advocacy group, received the bequest from Daniel J. Garr, a Santa Cruz resident of 30 years who passed away last January, according to a news release issued Tuesday.

Volunteers help reduce the

stray cat and kitten population in a non-lethal manner by trapping, spaying or neutering and releasing them humanely, preventing thousands of births and reducing the inflow to animal control facilities, Project Purr said in its statement.

The program has more than doubled the number of spayed and neutered feral cats and kittens over the last few years, said Lynne Achterberg, co-founder of Project Purr.

"This bequest will allow us to continue serving our community with vital programs and

will make a positive difference for many future generations," Achterberg said in the statement. "Daniel Garr's generous gift leaves a lasting legacy of love to our community and to feral cats and kittens."

While other animal organizations focus on putting cats and kittens up for adoption, Project Purr is focused on preventing

the problem of unwanted births in the first place. The organization has partnered with Animal Hospital of Soquel in Santa Cruz and East Lake Animal Clinic in Watsonville, whose staff provide spay and neuter services.

For information, call 423-6369 or go to [www.projectpurr.org](http://www.projectpurr.org).