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The Great Outdoors? Not for Cats!

Some animal shelters manipulate their euthanasia statistics by instituting policies that leave animals to struggle for survival and die painfully on the streets. So-called “trap-neuter-release” (TNR) programs—or, more accurately, “trap-neuter-reabandon” programs—may allow limited-admission shelters to spin their intake and euthanasia numbers, but they do nothing to protect cats from the horrors that befall them when left outdoors to battle harsh surroundings, sickness, and sadistic people.

Countless cats who are left outdoors without protection die from infected wounds and injuries, as even small abscesses and common urinary tract infections can become raging and deadly for unsocialized cats who cannot be handled and treated. Cats outdoors are vulnerable to contagious diseases, parasite infestations, starvation, dehydration, freezing, heatstroke, attacks by dogs and other predators, and being hit by vehicles. Cruel people often poison, shoot, burn, drown, or otherwise torture and kill cats.

Right or wrong, many property and business owners do not want cats on their property. Not everyone loves cats or wants them climbing on their cars, maiming or killing birds, or digging in their gardens. When animal shelters refuse to accept cats (as more and more so-called “no kill” facilities are doing), property owners often take matters into their own hands and resort to cruelty, both intentional and unintentional.

So many people become upset by roaming cats that legislation was introduced in Wisconsin and Utah to make it legal to stalk, hunt, and kill domestic cats! The bills failed, thanks to an outcry from animal activists and compassionate citizens, but that these bills were introduced at all should serve as a wake-up call for those who claim to care about cats—they are not safe outdoors.

Because of the many deadly hazards that cats face outdoors, responsible guardians allow their feline companions outdoors only when on a leash, in an enclosed area (such as a screened porch), or closely supervised.

Below is just a sampling of some of the horrible fates that have recently befallen stray, feral, and free-roaming cats. Countless others have died frightened and alone under porches or behind dumpsters, without anyone ever noticing what became of them.

February 2016/Geneva, Illinois: Patch.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision died from his or her injuries after being attacked by dogs who had also been roaming without supervision. Responding police officers located the owner and took the cat to a veterinary hospital, where the animal died. They were unable to locate the dogs' owner.

January 2016/Doylestown, Pennsylvania: Patch.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had been shot repeatedly with a nail gun. He was found badly injured and hiding on someone's porch with framing nails in the top of his head, over an eye, in one of his cheeks, and over a hip. Authorities were called and took the cat to a veterinarian, where he had to be euthanized because of the extent of his injuries. Anyone with information was asked to call authorities, but no suspects had been identified.

January 2016/Barre, Vermont: TimesArgus.com reported that police were notified that two cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were trapped and shot by a neighbor. No additional details were given.

January 2016/Elkhorn, Nebraska: NPTelegraph.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had been found with her leg frozen to a storm drain. A good Samaritan was able to free the kitten's leg using lukewarm water and took her to a shelter. One of the kitten's front paws was severely swollen by frostbite, and her right back leg required amputation because it was broken and frostbitten.

January 2016/Boise, Idaho: KBOI2.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found by his owner covered with spray paint. The cat was taken to a veterinarian for treatment. His owner said that another one of her cats had been shot with a BB gun and that "a few" of her neighbors' cats were missing. It was not reported if authorities had been alerted, and no suspects had been identified.

January 2016/Meriden, Connecticut: NBCConnecticut.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had been seen being pushed into a snow bank by a snowplow. A good Samaritan was able to retrieve the animal, who was taken to an animal shelter. The freezing kitten was suffering from an upper respiratory infection and was receiving veterinary care.

January 2016/West Fargo, North Dakota: Inforum.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had been found near a garbage dump with his paws frozen to the ground and "his eyes frozen open." The veterinarian who treated him said that both eyes were likely damaged from a viral infection before freezing, and one may need to be removed. A good Samaritan was able to retrieve the kitten and transport him to a veterinary hospital worker after being unable to reach local animal shelters. The kitten was receiving treatment.

January 2016/Mashpee, Massachusetts: CapeCodTimes.com reported that a good Samaritan found an apparently homeless cat crying with a "gaping hole in his leg." He was taken to a shelter that then transported him to a veterinary clinic, where it was determined that the animal had been hit twice by birdshot pellets, once in the back and once in the knee. He also had traumatic injuries consistent with being hit by a car, a serious upper respiratory infection, and a severely injured eye that may need to be removed. His ears were also "tattered" from living outdoors "for some time." He was receiving treatment. Authorities were alerted, but no suspects had been identified.

January 2016/Highland Township, Michigan: HometownLife.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had returned home limping and with a 13.5-centimeter-long blowgun arrow lodged in his or her abdomen. The cat was taken to a veterinarian, where the arrow was removed, and the animal was expected to recover. Authorities were alerted, and no suspects had been identified.

January 2016/South Bend, Indiana: WSBT.com reported that a homeless cat had been found with his leg and tail so severely injured that they required amputation. It was suspected that he had crawled inside a car's engine for warmth and was injured when the vehicle was started. He was receiving treatment.

January 2016/Lancaster, Pennsylvania: PennLive.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was pulled from a snowbank by a good Samaritan. The kitten's legs appeared frozen, her fur was matted with snow, and she was struggling to breathe. She was taken to a veterinary hospital, where it was determined that she was dehydrated and had a fever and bacterial infection. She was being treated.

January 2016/Fairfax County, Virginia: RestonNow.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found with a metal dart protruding from one of his eyes. He was taken to a veterinarian. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

January 2016/Scottsdale, Arizona: ABC15.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was trapped for almost two days in a stove vent. Neighbors heard his cries and called authorities. The vent had to be disassembled to retrieve the kitten, who was hungry and suffering from dehydration. He was taken to an animal shelter.

January 2016/Spokane, Washington: KTVB.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was discovered wedged behind the engine of his owner's car, where he likely crawled for warmth. The owner said that she smelled burned hair coming through the vehicle's vents while she was driving. An employee and customers at a tire center helped free the terrified cat, who sustained a burn or scratch on his nose.

January 2016/Eau Claire, Wisconsin: WKOW.com reported that a cat who had either been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision or was homeless was admitted to a veterinary hospital—with burns, a fractured jaw, and an injured eye. It was suspected that he had crawled inside a car's engine for warmth and was injured when the vehicle was started. He was receiving treatment.

January 2016/Fairfax County, Virginia: WashingtonPost.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found with a dart protruding from his or her eye. The animal was taken to a veterinarian for treatment. Authorities were seeking information in the case, but no suspects had been identified.

January 2016/Bronx, New York: NYDailyNews.com reported that a man had been sentenced to one year in jail for killing a homeless cat by throwing the animal against a wall and running him or her over with a shopping cart. He had then wrapped the cat in a blanket, doused him or her in lighter fluid, and set him or her on fire. The incident was captured by a video surveillance camera. The perpetrator pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated cruelty to animals.

January 2016/McPherson County, Kansas: McPhersonSentinel.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had been found slumped on the side of a busy highway, emaciated and suffering from dehydration, with his head trapped in a jar. The kitten was taken to a veterinarian for treatment.

January 2016/Lawrence, Massachusetts: Patch.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had been found badly injured at a woman's door. An animal-control officer transported the animal to a veterinarian, where it was determined that he had sustained traumatic injuries to his face, head, and hips. His jaw was broken, and his right eye was so damaged that it had to be surgically removed, along with a broken tooth. It was suspected that he'd been hit by a car. The cat was underweight, and veterinarians said that he "would have suffered near-constant hunger pangs," judging by his body weight. He was receiving treatment.

January 2016/Vienna, Virginia: WashingtonPost.com reported that a cat who was either homeless or allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had been found on the side of a road, badly injured. An animal-control officer transported the cat to a veterinary hospital, but he or she was beyond help and died.

January 2016/Amarillo, Texas: ABC7Amarillo.com reported that a cat who was either homeless or allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had been found with a blow dart lodged about 2 inches into his or her eye. The dart was apparently homemade out of a sharpened wire, hot glue, and a sponge-like cork. The people who found the cat told authorities that they had removed a dart from the leg of the same cat two weeks before. The animal was taken to a veterinarian for surgery and lost an eye. Anyone with information was asked to contact authorities, but no suspects had been identified.

January 2016/Bernalillo County, New Mexico: KRQE.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten's head had become trapped in the drain hole of a dumpster. Firefighters used hydraulic tools to free the kitten, who was reportedly "likely one of the feral cats that lives around the station." The kitten was allowed to run off.

January 2016/Avon, North Carolina: IslandFreePress.org reported that three cats who were described as "part of a well-established colony" that was fed and "maintained" at a business had been found in a dumpster at the property, apparently shot to death. Seven other cats who were regularly fed at the property have not been seen since the night before the incident. Another was missing for some time and returned with gunshot injuries. The injured animal was taken to a veterinarian for treatment. Authorities were investigating, and a suspect had been identified.

January 2016/Dunbar Township, Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh.CBSLocal.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had been shot with a "mini-arrow." It was not reported if the cat survived. Police were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

December 2015/Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: PittsburghCBSLocal.com reported that a man had been arrested after allegedly admitting to killing cats, some of whom were reportedly part of a “sanctioned colony” and some of whom were allowed to roam outside without supervision by their owners. Two cats were found dead in their owner’s trash can, and a live cat was evidently taken to a veterinarian, who determined that the animal had ingested mothballs. WTAE.com reported that the accused admitted to police “that he sprayed bleach in the faces of two cats” who “got into his basement, then beat them to death with a hockey stick.” A criminal complaint reportedly said that the suspect told investigators, “The cats are beyond a complete nuisance.”

December 2015/Salisbury, North Carolina: SalisburyPost.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outside without supervision was heard “screaming intensely” by her owner, who was indoors. The owner went outside and witnessed two dogs, who were also roaming unsupervised, with the cat in their mouths, “playing tug-of-war” with the animal. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where he died from his injuries. A neighbor said that the roaming dogs had killed five additional cats in recent weeks who were allowed to roam outside without supervision. Authorities were searching for the dogs’ owner.

December 2015/Denver, Colorado: 9News.com reported that firefighters worked for more than an hour to free an apparently homeless kitten whose head had become stuck in the drain hole of a dumpster. The kitten was taken to an animal shelter and was to receive a medical evaluation.

December 2015/Lincoln, Nebraska: JournalStar.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outside without supervision had returned home injured. He was taken to a veterinarian, who determined that he’d been shot with a .22-caliber bullet, which was lodged in his back. He had to be euthanized because of the severity of his injuries. Authorities were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

December 2015/Brenham, Texas: BrenhamBanner.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outside without supervision had to be euthanized because of injuries he sustained after being shot with an arrow. Authorities were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

December 2015/Bear Lake, Utah: FOX13Now.com reported that a family had found an apparently homeless kitten frozen in a foot of snow, without a pulse, heartbeat, or respiration. A family member performed CPR and warmed the animal to revive him. He was taken to a veterinarian and adopted by a cousin of the rescuer.

December 2015/Old Bridge, New Jersey: NJ1015.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had been found badly injured after being shot twice with arrows. She was taken to a veterinarian, who determined that one arrow entered her chest, piercing vital organs, and the other struck her in the hindquarters. Her injuries were so severe that she had to be euthanized. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

December 2015/Jasper, New York: EveningTribune.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had been found by a motorist who heard him crying while she was stopped at an intersection. The cat was taken to an animal shelter, where it was determined that he’d been drenched in gasoline and sustained chemical burns on both front legs as well as his head, neck, ears, and chin. He was receiving treatment, and authorities were notified in case the injuries were caused intentionally. EveningTribune.com later reported that the cat had died from his injuries.

December 2015/Houston, Texas: Click2Houston.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outside without supervision had been found cut in half and apparently dumped in some bushes behind her owner’s home. A police report was filed, and no suspects had been identified.

December 2015/San Antonio, Texas: News4SanAntonio.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had been found with severe burns, a broken pelvis, and a broken leg. She was taken to an animal shelter. Officials suspected that she had crawled inside a car’s engine for warmth and was injured when the vehicle was started. She was receiving veterinary treatment.

December 2015/Perris, California: PE.com reported that good Samaritans had found an apparently homeless kitten badly mangled in some bushes. One of them said that “it looked like [her] guts were sticking out—that’s how bad it was. ... Her arm was just bones and tissue hanging. It was really, really bad.” The kitten was taken to a government-run animal shelter, where veterinarians amputated her leg. It was suspected that she had crawled inside a car’s engine for warmth and was injured when the vehicle was started. She was put up for adoption.

December 2015/Clearwater, Florida: WTSP.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had become trapped inside the dashboard of the car driven by a good Samaritan who had earlier saved him from being run over in a busy street. A fire department chief worked for approximately two hours to remove pieces of the dashboard and was able to retrieve the terrified kitten. He was going to be taken to a veterinarian.

December 2015/Columbia, Missouri: KOMU.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had been admitted to an animal shelter with severely infected wounds at the entry and exit sites of an arrow that had been shot through his leg. He received veterinary treatment and was put up for adoption. Authorities were investigating, but no suspect had been identified.

December 2015/Fort Worth, Texas: FOX4News.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had become trapped in a car engine. Police were called after the car's owner was unable to remove the animal. Officers retrieved the kitten, whose subsequent status was not reported.

December 2015/Waukegan, Illinois: FOX32Chicago.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had become stuck in a drainpipe in the front yard of a home. A resident heard the kitten crying and called authorities. Firefighters worked for approximately two hours and were able to retrieve the kitten, who was taken to a government-run animal shelter.

December 2015/Jacksonville, Florida: ABCNews.Go.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had sought shelter in the engine of a car without the knowledge of the owner, who heard intermittent meowing while using the vehicle. The kitten came out for food but then hid in the car again. The car's owner was hoping to "call animal control" but could no longer find the animal.

December 2015/Boonsboro, Maryland: Your4State.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outside without supervision had been found bleeding with an arrow through his body. The arrow had entered his back and exited his chest. The cat died when the arrow was removed. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

December 2015/St. Johns County, Florida: ActionNewsJax.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outside without supervision had been found dead after being shot with several bullets. Hours earlier, another cat in the neighborhood had also been found dead. Authorities were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

December 2015/North Catasauqua, Pennsylvania: WFMZ.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outside without supervision had been found in a neighbor's yard and appeared to be injured. Police were notified, and a responding officer allegedly shot the cat, killing her. The case was under investigation.

December 2015/Taylor, Michigan: ClickOnDetroit.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outside without supervision had been found dead in a wooded area, tied to a tree. Her legs were bound together with string, and she had evidently been tortured, choked, and mutilated. A police report was filed, but no suspects were identified.

December 2015/Springfield, Ohio: ABC22Now.com reported that a man had been charged with cruelty to animals for kicking a kitten off the ninth-floor balcony of an apartment building after the animal escaped his or her home and tried to get inside another apartment. The incident was captured by security cameras. The kitten died.

December 2015/Johns Island, South Carolina: Live5News.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outside without supervision had been shot to death by a neighbor. The neighbor told authorities that he had shot the cat with a .12-gauge shotgun. He was arrested and charged with ill treatment to animals.

December 2015/Fontana, California: NBCNewYork.com reported that workers with a plumbing company had spent more than 28 hours retrieving an apparently homeless kitten who was trapped in a storm drain. Special equipment was used to locate the kitten after someone reported hearing her faint cries, and the pipe was dug up. The kitten was taken home by someone at the scene.

December 2015/Valrico, Florida: FOX13News.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had become stuck at the bottom of a pipe that ran approximately 6 feet underground. A good Samaritan heard the animal's cries and called authorities. Animal services workers were able to retrieve the kitten, who was taken home by the woman who called them.

November, 2015/Hudson, Florida: ABCActionNews.com reported that a cat was shot after roaming away from her property. After the cat was shot, the animal's owner saw her run onto the porch and collapse. When she started bleeding, the cat was taken to a veterinarian's office, where an X-ray showed a pellet lodged in her. She was euthanized. Authorities were contacted, but no suspects were identified.

November 2015/Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Sun-Sentinel.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in the engine of a car. The driver heard the kitten crying after a 20-mile trip, and firefighters removed portions of the vehicle to retrieve the cat. One of the firefighters reportedly took the animal home.

November 2015/Washington, D.C.: WJLA.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was attacked and killed by a dog, who was also roaming unsupervised. The cat's owner saw the dog attack and then run off with the cat, who was later found dead in the dog owner's yard. The dog was quarantined.

November 2015/Battle Creek, Michigan: Freep.com reported that someone who had been feeding an apparently homeless cat found him with an arrow in his neck. The cat was taken to a veterinary clinic, where the arrow was removed, and he was expected to recover. Police asked anyone with information to contact the department, and no suspects were identified. The cat was going to be put back outside after 10 days.

November 2015/Fresno, California: ABC30.com reported that firefighters worked for approximately four hours to rescue an apparently homeless kitten who had become trapped in a crevice at a store. The kitten was given to the woman who had called authorities.

November 2015/Hanover Township, Pennsylvania: CitizensVoice.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home with a fractured jaw and missing teeth. He was taken to a veterinarian three days later "screaming" in pain. Surgery revealed that a .22-caliber bullet was lodged in his jaw, and the injury had become infected. He was treated and returned to his owner. A police report was filed, but no suspects were identified.

November 2015/Bangor Township, Michigan: MLive.com reported that a cat who escaped his home was bleeding when he returned. He was taken to a veterinarian, who determined that he'd been shot in a hind leg with a pellet gun. The pellet traveled through the leg and into his chest, tearing through his spleen, intestines, liver, and diaphragm; grazing his stomach; and fracturing his ribs. He was receiving treatment. Authorities were alerted, and no suspects were identified.

November 2015/Virginia Beach, Virginia: WAVY.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain and was struggling to keep his head above water. Someone heard his cries and called authorities. An animal control officer was able to enter the drain and retrieve the kitten, who was taken to an animal shelter to be evaluated by a veterinarian.

November 2015/Patchogue, New York: Newsday.com reported that a cat who was either homeless or allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found disemboweled and thrown over a fence into a resident's yard. The animal was the third cat found mutilated or beaten to death in the neighborhood. A reward was offered for information about the incidents, and no suspects were identified.

November 2015/Port Richey, Florida: BayNews9.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain. Four city workers were able to retrieve the kitten, and one of them took the animal home.

November 2015/Mobile, Alabama: WKRG.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found by his owner in some bushes behind a backyard shed "whimpering" in pain and with a 30-inch hunting arrow sticking out of his leg. He was taken to a veterinarian, who had to amputate his leg because the arrow had shattered the bone. Police were investigating, and no suspects were identified.

November 2015/Sherwood, Oregon: KPTV.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was seen hobbling next to a highway in the rain. A good Samaritan stopped and retrieved the frightened animal, who was taken to a veterinary hospital and diagnosed with a fractured leg. The kitten died two days later from undetermined causes.

November 2015/South Kingstown, Rhode Island: ProvidenceJournal.com reported that a good Samaritan found an apparently homeless kitten crying in some bushes. The kitten was taken to a veterinary clinic, where X-rays revealed that she had sustained a broken pelvis, a broken leg, and a broken femoral head in another leg socket. A lot of scar tissue was found forming in the femoral-head injury. She was expected to undergo at least three surgeries.

November 2015/Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: LancasterOnline.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was found stranded in the middle of a highway. A good Samaritan stopped traffic to retrieve the animal, who was dirty and greasy. It appeared that the animal had fallen from a car engine after seeking warmth from the cold. The kitten was taken to a food bank that offered veterinary services and was expected to be put up for adoption.

November 2015/Denver, Colorado: 9News.com reported that in a laundry room at an apartment complex, an apparently homeless cat was found with burns on her face, ears, and paws as well as scorched fur along her back. It appeared that she got injured after she hid under a dryer to try to stay warm. She was taken to an animal shelter for treatment and was expected to be put up for adoption.

November 2015/Katy, Texas: ABC13.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found dead and mutilated beside the curb in front of his home. Other cats in the neighborhood had reportedly also been killed and mutilated or had “disappeared.” Anyone with information was asked to call authorities, and no suspects were identified.

November 2015/Clayton, North Carolina: WNCN.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain. Passersby heard the kitten’s cries and called authorities. Responding firefighters removed the covers and entered the drain to retrieve the kitten, who was cold and wet and whose paws were raw from trying to climb out of the drain. An animal control officer took custody of the kitten and hoped to find a home for the animal.

November 2015/Duval County, Florida: ActionNewsJAX.com reported that two apparently homeless kittens became trapped under some bushes during a flood and were found drowning at an apartment complex that had been evacuated. A good Samaritan followed the kittens’ cries, which could be heard on and off, and was able to retrieve them. He kept one of the kittens, and another complex resident took the other one home.

November 2015/Harford County, Maryland: Patch.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was heard crying inside the engine of an ambulance. An animal control officer was able to retrieve the kitten from atop the vehicle’s diesel fuel tank, where he or she had evidently become trapped while the vehicle responded to several calls. A 911 dispatcher adopted the kitten.

November 2015/New Market, Maryland: Your4State.com reported that a cat described as a “barn cat” was taken to a veterinarian after being found bleeding and limping. X-rays revealed that her leg had been shattered by a bullet and contained metal fragments. Her leg had to be amputated, but she was expected to survive. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects were identified.

November 2015/Franklin Township, Pennsylvania: LehighValleyLive.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain. The kitten appeared to be blind and suffering from severe infections in both eyes. It was believed that the eye problems caused the animal to fall into the drain. Firefighters were able to retrieve the kitten, who was taken to an animal shelter.

November 2015/Greensboro, North Carolina: Greensboro.com reported that five homeless kittens were found in a shed on a school campus where they had apparently been born. The kittens were all missing eyes, likely from a virus, and were taken to a veterinarian for assessment. They all required long-term treatment. A trap was set for the mother cat, who was captured, spayed, and adopted.

November 2015/Doral, Florida: Local10.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped between a concrete wall and pillar. A fire rescue worker was able to free the kitten, who was taken to an animal shelter and was expected to be put up for adoption.

November 2015/Stroud Township, Pennsylvania: PoconoRecord.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was badly injured in a garage fire. While going through rubble in the fire’s aftermath, firefighters heard the kitten crying. The animal was found under a plastic cabinet at the bottom of a pile of debris and was taken to a veterinary hospital for treatment. He sustained scarring on his head and neck, and a burned ear reportedly fell off. One of his legs was stiff from scarring, and he was expected to “lose his toes” and need surgery. A firefighter adopted him.

November 2015/Portage, Indiana: NWITimes.com reported that three apparently homeless kittens became trapped in a stormwater drain pipe. Firefighters and an animal control officer attempting to rescue the kittens tried flushing them out of the drain with water. Two kittens were retrieved, but one was dead. A third kitten was captured in a box trap the next day. Both surviving kittens were taken to an animal shelter for assessment and were expected to be put up for adoption.

November 2015/Gahanna, Ohio: ABC6OnYourSide.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found badly injured along a stream bank by a neighbor. He was taken to a veterinary hospital, where he had to be euthanized because of the extent of his injuries. His owner was notified and believed that someone had purposely harmed him. A necropsy was to be conducted. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects were identified.

November 2015/San Antonio, Texas: KEN5.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain. A motorist who was stopped at a light heard the kitten crying and called authorities. Responding firefighters were able to retrieve the kitten, who was transferred to an animal shelter.

November 2015/Bismarck, North Dakota: GrandForksHerald.com reported that police were investigating after a woman found two cats on her property, both shot with arrows. One cat was seen on her deck as she was leaving for work. The animal had an arrow through his or her side and was no longer there when the woman returned home. A second cat was later found in the woman's yard. An animal control officer took the cat to a veterinary clinic, where he or she had to be euthanized because of the extent of the injuries. No suspects were identified.

November 2015/Hazel Park, Michigan: Freep.com reported that five apparently homeless cats had been found dead in a residential area. Necropsies determined that the animals had possibly been beaten to death. Two suspects were questioned, but police weren't able to identify the individual responsible. Anyone with information was asked to call the police department.

November 2015/Jacksonville, Florida: ActionNewsJAX.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in the wheel well of a car. The car's owner heard the kitten's cries after driving to work. Good Samaritans were able to retrieve the kitten, and one planned to keep the animal.

November 2015/Mead, Colorado: TimesCall.com reported that a homeless cat's head was stuck in the drain hole of a dumpster for approximately two days before she was discovered. City workers were able to rescue her with the help of a veterinarian. She was dehydrated and exhausted but was expected to recover. She was taken to an animal shelter.

November 2015/Tinton Falls, New Jersey: APP.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision became trapped in a storm drain. Responding firefighters lifted a heavy metal grate, and the cat's owner was able to retrieve the animal.

November 2015/Blacklick, Ohio: NBC4I.com reported that after disappearing for five days, a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found so badly injured that he had to be euthanized. The cat was apparently shot in the face with a pellet gun. Anyone with information was asked to contact authorities, and no suspects were identified.

November 2015/Wildwood, Missouri: KSDK.com reported that a homeless cat was found in a barn with an arrow through his leg. The property owner took him to a shelter, where it was determined that the injury had become infected. He received treatment and was expected to recover. Anyone with information was asked to call authorities, and no suspects were identified.

November 2015/Barker, New York: LockportJournal.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home with oozing wounds and crying in pain. He was taken to a veterinarian the next day and treated for wounds on opposite sides of his upper back, where the flesh was torn and infected. He was expected to recover. Half an arrow covered with blood and cat tooth marks was later found on the owner's porch. A police report was filed, but no suspects were identified.

October 2015/Patchogue, New York: NBCNewYork.com reported that two "feral" cats were found tortured to death on the lawn of a woman who had been feeding them. Necropsies revealed that a kitten had been cut in half and an adult cat had been beaten to death. Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Merrimack, New Hampshire: MyFOXBoston.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised returned home holding up his leg and yowled when touched. He was taken to a veterinarian's office, where an X-ray revealed that the bone in the leg had been shattered by a small-caliber bullet or BB. He had also been shot in the chest, causing so much damage that he had to be euthanized. Police asked anyone with information to contact the department, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Simi Valley, California: SimiValleyAcorn.com reported that a cat and dog who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were both killed by other animals, not mutilated by humans as was initially thought. The cat had been found disemboweled, and the dog had been found skinned.

October 2015/Chesterfield County, Virginia: NBC12.com reported that a cat who had escaped from his home returned bleeding and badly injured. After he was found crying under a bush, he was taken to a veterinarian's office, where it was determined that he had been shot three times at close range, apparently with two different weapons: twice in the head and once in the leg, which was

broken. He was receiving treatment. A reward was being offered for information about the incident, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Glens Falls, New York: PostStar.com reported that a man was charged with felony cruelty to animals for allegedly shooting an apparently homeless cat five times with a pellet gun. A good Samaritan found the cat badly injured. A responding police officer took the animal to a veterinarian's office, where it was determined that the injuries, including spinal cord damage, were so severe that euthanasia was recommended. The man reportedly told police that he had shot the cat because the animal wasn't his and wouldn't leave his porch.

October 2015/Orangeburg, New York: Westchester.News12.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten drowned after being trapped in a storm drain for approximately two days. Police officers, firefighters, and highway department workers attempted to rescue the kitten but were unsuccessful. They were able to retrieve the animal's body.

October 2015/Syracuse, New York: Syracuse.com reported that at least eight cats had "disappeared" from a neighborhood, including "several in a colony of feral cats" and two cats who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision. A reward was being offered for information about who may have taken the cats, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2014/Woodward, Oklahoma: UPI.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was seen falling from the undercarriage of a car at a busy intersection. A motorcyclist was able to retrieve the animal from the middle of the street and planned to keep the kitten.

October 2015/Greeneville, Tennessee: GreenevilleSun.com reported that a cat who either was homeless or allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found sitting in a yard with an arrow through his neck. He was taken to a veterinarian's office, where the arrow had to be surgically removed. He seemed to be recovering, but his long-term prognosis was uncertain. Anyone with information was asked to call the police department, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Charlevoix County, Michigan: UpNorthLive.com reported that a man was arrested for allegedly trapping an apparently homeless kitten and covering him with toxic spray paint. The kitten sustained multiple breaks to his tail, which became infected and had to be amputated after a good Samaritan found him. He was receiving veterinary treatment.

October 2015/Winter Haven, Florida: TBO.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain near an intersection. Police and firefighters were able to retrieve the kitten, who reportedly wasn't injured. It wasn't reported what became of the animal.

October 2015/Oxford, Mississippi: WJTV.com reported that an apparently homeless cat became trapped in a storm drain. Police officers were able to retrieve the animal, who didn't appear to be injured. It wasn't reported what became of the cat.

October 2015/Greencastle, Pennsylvania: PublicOpinionOnline.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot twice, allegedly by a neighbor. One bullet went through one of the cat's front legs and the second through the lungs. The animal's injuries were so severe that he or she had to be euthanized. The neighbor was charged with cruelty to animals.

October 2015/San Jose, California: SanFrancisco.CBSLocal.com reported that a man was arraigned on multiple counts of felony cruelty to animals for allegedly abducting and killing cats who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision. When police found the suspect, he was sleeping in a car that contained a dead cat.

October 2015/Penn Township, Pennsylvania: TribLive.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found with an arrow through his neck. The wound had become infected. The cat was taken to a veterinarian and was recovering. Anyone with information about the shooting was asked to call police, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Dinwiddie, Virginia: WTVR.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home with an arrow through his body. He was taken to a veterinarian's office, where the arrow was removed. He was expected to recover. Animal control was investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Lancaster, Pennsylvania: LancasterOnline.com reported that an apparently homeless cat and two kittens had become trapped in a storm drain. The cats' cries were heard by some passing children, who alerted authorities. Responding firefighters were able to lift the grate covering the drain, and an adult cat ran out. A drenched kitten was retrieved, but the second

kitten couldn't be located. An animal shelter took custody of the rescued kitten.

October 2015/Queens, New York: NYDailyNews.com reported that a homeless kitten was trapped in a storm drain for more than a day. Police were finally called but required the assistance of the emergency services unit to remove the cover and crawl into the drain. The kitten was retrieved and taken to a veterinarian for assessment.

October 2015/Hernando, Mississippi: 38632.Unofficial.cc reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home with a broken leg. She was taken to a veterinarian, who determined that she had been shot. She was surrendered to the veterinarian, who planned to amputate her leg and find her a new home. It wasn't reported whether police had been notified, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Jacksonville.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became entangled in the suspension arm of a vehicle. The animal's cries were heard by the car's driver after a 15-mile trip. Authorities were called, and fire rescue workers were able to retrieve the kitten, who was then adopted by one of the workers.

October 2015/Lansing, Michigan: MLive.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found by a good Samaritan with an arrow through his body. He was taken to an animal shelter, where he underwent surgery to remove the arrow and was facing a long recovery. Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Gallatin, Tennessee: WKRN.com reported that a firefighter was able to retrieve an apparently homeless kitten who had become trapped in a storm drain. No additional details were provided.

October 2015/Kansas City, Missouri: KCTV5.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was found at a sports stadium. He had lost the use of one of his front legs, which had a large open sore on it that was filled with maggots. Despite the injury, he reportedly eluded several attempts to be captured but was eventually caught and taken to a veterinary hospital. His leg had to be amputated, but he was expected to recover and transferred to an animal shelter to be put up for adoption.

October 2015/New Canaan, Connecticut: NewCanaanite.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was found on a family's porch after a rainstorm, shivering and with a dangerously low body temperature. An animal control officer took the kitten to a veterinarian for treatment, and the feline was recovering at an animal shelter.

October 2015/Lolo, Montana: NBCMontana.com reported that as many as 10 cats and a dog who were outdoors without supervision had been shot with blow darts or were missing. One cat returned home with a dart through her chest and was taken to a veterinarian's office, where the dart, which also went through a lung and her collar bone, was surgically removed. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Bremerton, Washington: SeattlePI.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found within a block of the animal's home "writhing in pain" from serious burns to the head, back, and tail. A good Samaritan called police, and responding officers took the cat to a veterinarian. The feline had to be euthanized because of the extent of the injuries. An investigation led to the arrest of a 16-year-old boy who reportedly told police that he had doused the cat with butane and set the animal on fire.

October 2015/Cleveland, Ohio: FOX8.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was found by a good Samaritan with an arrow through his body and a missing rear paw from a previous injury. The kitten was taken to an animal shelter, where the arrow was surgically removed and his back leg was amputated. After weeks of recovery, he was adopted.

October 2015/Palmyra, Pennsylvania: WNCT.com reported that two cats who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were shot with arrows. One cat was shot a few months earlier and required the amputation of a rear leg. The other was shot recently and found in a pool of blood on his owner's front porch. He was taken to a veterinarian's office and treated, but a hunting arrow had "made its way through the roof of his mouth and into his tongue," which became necrotic. So he was mercifully euthanized. Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/St. Petersburg, Florida: Fox13News.com reported that a homeless cat and a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were both found mutilated. A woman who was feeding homeless cats in the neighborhood said that 10 to 20 cats in the area had recently "disappeared." Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Marriott-Slaterville, Utah: Standard.net reported that a man was arrested on “suspicion of torture of a companion animal” after allegedly killing a neighbor’s cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision. The cat was reportedly chased by the man and his dog, sprayed with water, and then stomped to death.

October 2015/Kissimmee, Florida: OrlandoSentinel.com reported that three cats who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were found dead near a bowl filled with rice and beans that tested positive for containing deadly levels of an illegal pesticide. An opossum and a dog were also recently found dead in the neighborhood. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Ansonia, Connecticut: Valley.NewHavenIndependent.org reported that a driver witnessed an apparently homeless kitten run across a busy street and then fall through the grate of a storm drain, where the animal became trapped approximately 8 feet under the street. Firefighters, police officers, and public works and animal control workers were able to retrieve the kitten, who was taken to a veterinarian for assessment.

October 2015/Marietta, Pennsylvania: LancasterOnline.com reported that over a period of several weeks, numerous homeless cats were found killed in one neighborhood. Their apparent causes of death included poisoning, bludgeoning, and mutilation. A police report was expected to be filed, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Jamestown, North Dakota: TheDickinsonPress.com reported that two cats and two dogs who were allowed outdoors without supervision were shot on or near their owners’ properties. One of the cats died after being shot in the head with a small-caliber weapon, and the other was found alive after having been shot in the stomach. The surviving cat was taken to a veterinarian but didn’t live. The dogs were shot in their yards, and both survived and were recovering. The sheriff’s office asked anyone with information to contact it, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/New Philadelphia, Ohio: TimesReporter.com reported that six kittens who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were apparently killed by dogs who were also roaming outdoors without supervision. Two additional kittens couldn’t be found. The cats’ owner called authorities after seeing the dogs in her yard with the dead kittens, but the dogs were no longer in the area when the dog warden arrived. Anyone with information about the identity of the dogs’ owners was asked to call the warden.

October 2015/Ashland, Massachusetts: Boston.CBSLocal.com reported that an apparently homeless cat became trapped in the engine compartment of a car. The car’s owner heard the animal crying after driving several miles. Firefighters and animal control officials were able to retrieve the cat, who didn’t appear injured and was taken to a local kennel.

October 2015/Buffalo, New York: WGRZ.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was heard crying after becoming stuck in a storm drain. Firefighters used a camera to locate the kitten and a garden hose to guide the animal back to the drain opening. The kitten was then taken to an animal shelter.

October 2015/Lauderhill, Florida: Sun-Sentinel.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped behind the front grille of a vehicle parked at an apartment complex. Responding firefighters were able to retrieve the animal, who then ran off.

October 2015/Bremerton, Washington: Q13FOX.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found on his family’s porch unable to walk, with an injured tail and a broken pelvis. He was taken to a veterinary hospital, where it was determined that he had either been hit by a car or abused by a person. Money was being raised to pay for his surgery, and it wasn’t reported if police had been alerted.

October 2015/Eaton County, Michigan: Freep.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found hiding under a deck with a crossbow bolt lodged in his chest. He was taken to a veterinary hospital, where the bolt was surgically removed and he was recovering. Anyone with information about the shooting was asked to call the sheriff’s office, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2015/Kane County, Illinois: KCChronicle.com reported that “a freshly killed cat” was found wedged under the bumper of a car being driven by a man arrested for drunken driving. A police report said that the cat’s body was too “badly mangled” for responding officers to be able to find an identification tag or check for a microchip.

September 2015/Delaware County, New York: TheDailyStar.com reported that a woman was charged with cruelty to animals after killing a cat who had been abandoned at a trailer park by placing the animal in a sealed paint can, suffocating her. A neighbor said that the suspect was apparently upset and considered the homeless cat a nuisance after the animal tried to get into her trailer

through a window when outdoor temperatures dropped.

September 2015/Memphis, Tennessee: WMCActionNews5.com reported that the remains of a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were found on a neighbor's lawn. Dogs who were often seen roaming without supervision were suspected of killing the animal.

September 2015/Westford, Massachusetts: BostonGlobe.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home with a hunting arrow piercing his paw. He was taken to a veterinarian's office, where it was revealed that the arrow had also fractured a rib and cracked his sternum, which was pushing on his heart. He had to be euthanized because of the extent of his injuries. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

September 2015/Lubbock, Texas: EverythingLubbock.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found bleeding and dead. A dog who was also roaming outdoors without supervision was suspected of killing the animal.

September 2015/Miami, Florida: Local10.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain and firefighters used water to scare the animal out. The kitten, who was hungry and filthy, was taken to a veterinary hospital and was expected to be put up for adoption.

September 2015/Trenton, North Carolina: WCTI12.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain. County sheriff's deputies and firefighters removed the storm drain cover and retrieved the animal, who apparently wasn't injured. The caller who reported the incident took the kitten home.

September 2015/Cheswick, Pennsylvania: AKVNews.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot with a .22-caliber weapon. The bullet entered his abdomen and also injured a leg. He had to be euthanized because of the extent of his injuries. A police report was expected to be filed, and no suspects had been identified.

September 2015/Albuquerque, New Mexico: WRIC.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found cut in half behind a shopping center next to his home. It wasn't reported if a police report had been filed, and no suspects had been identified.

September 2015/Hialeah, Florida: NBCMiami.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became pinned inside a concrete support wall of an expressway. Using the Jaws of Life, fire rescue workers spent nearly an hour freeing the kitten, who didn't appear to be injured. A 911 dispatcher was fostering the animal.

September 2015/Tampa, Florida: WTSP.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain running under a highway. A citizen heard the animal crying and called authorities. Sheriff's deputies and animal service workers were able to retrieve the kitten. No additional details were provided.

September 2015/New London, Connecticut: NBCCConnecticut.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was hit or kicked so hard by neighborhood children that her leg was broken. The animal control department was raising money for her veterinary treatment. It wasn't reported if a criminal investigation was undertaken.

September 2015/Kendall County, Illinois: Patch.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped behind the headlight of a police car. Officers removed the headlight and secured the kitten, who was taken to a local shelter.

September 2015/Pocatello, Idaho: KPVI.com reported that a cat who was homeless or allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found dead in a driveway. An eyewitness reported that the cat appeared to have been "hit with something, shot or slammed into the ground." Another resident said that three or four cats who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had disappeared or been found dead, and neighbors agreed that the area is "a bad place for cats because some just disappear." Authorities were alerted, and no suspects had been identified.

September 2015/San Antonio, Texas: MySanAntonio.com reported that a homeless cat who was being fed by employees at a business was missing for about a week before returning with a bad limp. He was taken to a veterinarian, who found rubber bands wrapped tightly around his paws, cutting off the circulation. One of the cat's front paws had to be amputated because of the injuries. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

September 2015/Eureka, California: Times-Standard.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot to death. The shooter reportedly told police that he killed the cat because he thought the animal was a rat. It wasn't reported whether charges had been filed.

September 2015/Frederick, Oklahoma: KSWO.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found lying in a neighbor's driveway covered with blood. He had been shot in the head at point-blank range, and his teeth had been smashed in. His owner said that she had decided not to seek medical care for the cat, who died from his injuries about an hour later. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

September 2015/Johnston, Rhode Island: ABCNews.Go.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped between two boulders. The property owner heard the animal crying for at least a day before calling authorities. Police officers, firefighters, and animal control workers used the Jaws of Life to rescue the kitten, who was infested with fleas and dehydrated. One of the firefighters planned to adopt the feline.

September 2015/Martinsburg, West Virginia: Inquisitr.com reported that a kitten who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found in a neighbor's backyard with a badly injured eye and unable to walk. The homeowners took her to a shelter, which transferred her to a veterinarian. It was determined that her bloody and badly swollen legs were bound with a zip tie and that she had been shot in the face and eye with a BB gun. It was also suspected that she may have been thrown from a moving vehicle. With extensive treatment, the kitten initially seemed to be recovering, but she was later found dead at the hospital from suspected internal bleeding. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

September 2015/Tampa, Florida: WIVB.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a manhole. A concerned citizen called authorities after hearing the kitten's cries, and police officers were able to retrieve the animal. It wasn't reported what then happened to the kitten.

September 2015/Escambia County, Florida: NorthEscambia.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in the wheel well of a car. A sheriff's deputy and fire rescue workers were able to retrieve the animal, who was reportedly found "hanging on for dear life." The kitten didn't appear injured and was transported to an animal shelter.

September 2015/De Pere, Wisconsin: NBC15.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a pipe in an underground storm drain. Firefighters dug around and cut the pipe to retrieve the kitten, who didn't appear injured and was taken to an animal shelter.

September 2015/Jackson, Mississippi: ClarionLedger.com reported that an arrest warrant was issued on aggravated cruelty-to-animals charges for a woman who posted photos online of a burned cat whom she said she set on fire because the animal and other cats kept coming into her yard. The woman also threatened to burn other cats who came onto her property. It wasn't reported what became of the burned cat in the photo.

September 2015/Pittsboro, North Carolina: WRAL.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was taken to a veterinarian after her owner noticed that she was limping. An examination revealed that the cat had been shot with two .22-caliber bullets—one pierced her leg and the other her side—from a low-velocity gun sometime in the previous "few months." A neighbor was suspected but denied shooting the cat, who received treatment and was expected to recover.

September 2015/Orange County, Florida: WESH.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten survived a 45-minute drive in the engine of a car, where she had sought warmth. A passerby heard her cries and called authorities. The kitten was retrieved and taken to a veterinarian for an examination.

September 2015/Grandview, Missouri: FOX4KC.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a car's engine. Responding police officers were able to retrieve the animal. No additional details were provided.

September 2015/Sweet Valley, Pennsylvania: CitizensVoice.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot in the head with a .22-caliber bullet. The cat was taken to a veterinarian for treatment, and a neighbor was arrested on charges of cruelty to animals.

September 2015/Troy Township, Ohio: PressPublications.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was found in some bushes along a highway with his leg torn off. A good Samaritan took him to a veterinary hospital, where it was determined that he had sustained a "traumatic amputation," likely after being hit by a vehicle, caught in a car's engine, or attacked by another animal.

He was treated for a possible infection and was expected to undergo orthopedic surgery.

August 2015/Sacramento, California: Blog.SFGate.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a car's engine. Responding fire crews were able to retrieve the cat, who was taken to a veterinarian and expected to be put up for adoption.

August 2015/Minot, North Dakota: CrookstonTimes.com reported that an injured homeless cat who was taken to an animal hospital by a good Samaritan was missing part of her tongue, had a shattered jaw, and had a .22-caliber bullet lodged in the fatty tissue of her chest. She was receiving treatment and was expected to be adopted. Authorities were alerted, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/Palm Beach County, Florida: BrowardPalmBeach.com reported that two cats who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision in the same neighborhood were found dead by their owners. The body of one of the cats was reportedly examined by a veterinarian, who determined that the animal had been "sliced with a knife." Authorities were investigating, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/West Bridgewater, Massachusetts: WCVB.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten got stuck 6 feet below a storm drain. Firefighters and paramedics worked to remove the drain cover and enter the drain to retrieve the kitten. The animal was taken to a veterinary hospital for assessment and was expected to recover and be put up for adoption.

August 2015/Forsyth County, Georgia: WSBTV.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home limping and with a 20-inch-long arrow piercing his face. He was taken to a veterinary office and was expected to recover. Authorities were investigating a possible suspect.

August 2015/Vandalia, Ohio: WHIO.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten got trapped in a storm drain. Firefighters worked to retrieve the animal, who was taken to a shelter for evaluation.

August 2015/Fremont, Nebraska: FremontTribune.com reported that a kitten got trapped in a storm drain. Police officers, a veterinarian, and a shelter worker were able to retrieve the kitten, who was described as wet, battered, and infested with fleas. He was treated and put up for adoption.

August 2015/Haywood County, North Carolina: WLOS.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision while his owners were out of town was found impaled with an arrow when they returned home. The owners said that they believe someone shot the cat with a bow and arrow and then broke into their home and left the injured animal on their bed, where he appeared to have suffered for at least a day. He was taken to a veterinary office and euthanized because of the extent of his injuries. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/Miami Beach, Florida: Local10.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was found in a parking garage unable to move and bleeding from a severe laceration on his head. He was taken to an animal hospital and had to be euthanized because of the severity of his injuries. Police were asking anyone with information to contact the department, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/Eureka, Utah: Good4Utah.com reported that several cats who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were among 22 domestic animals who had disappeared or died in a Eureka neighborhood. A veterinarian who examined three cats determined that they had ingested antifreeze. The cats' owner said that they convulsed before dying. Anyone with information was asked to call the sheriff's department, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/Fredericksburg, Virginia: WUSA9.com reported that firefighters and police officers worked to remove two manhole covers and enter a drain where an apparently homeless kitten had become trapped. After much work, the animal was retrieved and taken home by a local resident.

August 2015/Colorado Springs, Colorado: FOX21News.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten got trapped in a storm drain. Animal law-enforcement officers worked to retrieve the kitten, who was found "scared, hungry, and dirty," with a scrape on her nose. She was expected to be put up for adoption.

August 2015/Nashville, Tennessee: WKRN.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision died after ingesting an antifreeze mixture. According to the cat's owner, the veterinarian who examined him said that he was also apparently kicked so forcefully that his bladder tore. A dog in the neighborhood who was left outdoors without supervision also died

from suspected poisoning and may have also been beaten. The dog's owner planned to file a police report, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/Tulsa, Oklahoma: NewsOn6.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten got trapped in a drain near a cargo plane at the Tulsa International Airport. Firefighters used a pulley system to lift a grate in order to retrieve the kitten, who was taken home by a worker at the airport.

August 2015/Ironton, Ohio: IrontonTribune.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot with a pellet gun and received veterinary treatment. His owner said that other cats whom he had allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had also been harmed—one was shot the previous year and another was poisoned two years earlier. It wasn't reported whether authorities were alerted, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/Bellingham, Washington: BellinghamHerald.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found by his owner under some bushes unable to move his hind legs. He was taken to a veterinary office, where it was determined that a metal fragment from a bullet was lodged in his spinal cord. The damage was irreversible, and he was euthanized. Authorities lacked evidence to pursue a case against possible suspects.

August 2015/Roswell, New Mexico: KRQE.com reported that police and firefighters worked to rescue an apparently homeless kitten who had become trapped in a storm drain. The kitten was given to a woman who heard the animal's cries and called authorities.

August 2015/Dubuque, Iowa: KWWL.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was rescued from a storm drain by firefighters and city workers after a passerby walking a dog heard the animal's cries. The kitten was taken to a veterinarian for assessment and was expected to be put up for adoption.

August 2015/Chesapeake, Virginia: HamptonRoads.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was stuck for hours in a PVC pipe that ran underground below concrete and under a large generator. Animal control officers and firefighters used a large shop vacuum to retrieve the kitten, who wasn't injured and was expected to be put up for adoption.

August 2015/Mountain Home, Idaho: KREM.com reported that police officers rescued an apparently homeless kitten who was stuck at the top of a road sign. The kitten was exposed to severe heat and was "gasping for air" when retrieved. Another kitten was also found in the area, and both animals—who were dehydrated, malnourished, and scared—were taken to a local animal shelter.

August 2015/St. Albans, West Virginia: WSAZ.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was rescued after becoming trapped in a storm drain that was filled with "raging water." She was placed in a foster home, but her littermates were believed to have drowned in the drain.

August 2015/Buffalo, New York: WIVB.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was found in a garage with severe injuries. Covered with orange paint from a paintball gun, she was taken to a local animal shelter, where it was determined that she had been shot directly in the eye, forcing it out of its socket. She was also severely dehydrated. She was receiving veterinary care and was expected to undergo surgery to remove her eye. Investigators were asking anyone with information about the incident to contact them, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/Titusville, Florida: BrevardTimes.com reported that three homeless kittens who were regularly fed by a local resident were found with moderate to severe chemical burns. They were taken to a local animal shelter, where they were being treated. One was in critical condition, a second was in serious condition, and the third was expected to recover. Anyone with information about the incident was asked to call police, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/Queens, New York: DNAInfo.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was seen jumping into the undercarriage of a delivery truck by its driver while stopped at an intersection. Police were called and were able to free the kitten from between a rear tire and the truck bed. The feline had an injured rear leg and eye socket and was taken to an animal shelter for assessment.

August 2015/Farmington, Michigan: FarmingtonVoice.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home "wobbly" and with a bloody, matted spot on his head. He was taken to a veterinary office, where it was determined that he'd been shot with a pellet gun. He had sustained nerve damage, and it wasn't clear if he would regain the use of one of his legs. A report was filed with the public safety office, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/Dora, Alabama: WTVM.com reported that a firefighter climbed 30 feet into a drain pipe to rescue a trapped, apparently homeless kitten. The kitten was taken to the fire station and put up for adoption.

August 2015/Tulsa, Oklahoma: KTUL.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was rescued by a good Samaritan from a group of children who were using a cigarette lighter to burn his whiskers and trying to drown him. He was taken to an animal shelter and was expected to be put up for adoption. Investigators were trying to track down the children.

August 2015/Louisville, Kentucky: WDRB.com reported that a cat who had escaped from his home the night before was found in the morning dead from a gunshot wound in the owner's garage. A dog in the area who had escaped from a yard was also found shot to death. Police were investigating both incidents, and no suspects were identified.

August 2015/San Antonio, Texas: KSAT.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten got trapped in a storm drain. Police, animal control officers, and firefighters worked to retrieve the kitten by chipping away at the concrete around the drain. The animal was taken to a veterinarian for assessment and was expected to be adopted.

August 2015/Chestertown, New York: NorthCountryGazette.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home with a broken jaw and a fractured skull. The animal's injuries were so extensive that he or she had to be euthanized. The cat's owners believed that the animal had been intentionally harmed, and a reward was being offered for information leading to a conviction in the case. No suspects were identified.

August 2015/Chester, New Jersey: Patch.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten got trapped in a storm drain under a street. Firefighters were able to retrieve the kitten, who didn't appear to be injured and was given food. No additional details were provided.

August 2015/Lakeland, Florida: ClickOrlando.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was rescued by firefighters from the wheel well of a car in which he was trapped or to which he clung during a 5-mile journey. The car's driver went to the fire station after hearing him crying. He was taken to a local animal shelter and was expected to be put up for adoption.

August 2015/Webster, Texas: Click2Houston.com reported that several cats in one neighborhood who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had been mutilated. One of the cats returned home with a gash from her back to her stomach that required 20 surgical staples to close. Another cat was found cut in half. It wasn't reported if police were notified, and no suspects were identified.

July 2015/Lake Havasu City, Arizona: HavasuNews.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was found alive, trapped in a panel compartment on a boat an hour after the vessel sank in a lake. After the boat was recovered, a mechanic hired to flush water from it found the cat and had to cut away a section of the boat's upholstery to retrieve her. She was recovering at a local animal shelter and was expected to be put up for adoption if not claimed.

July 2015/Cumberland Township, Pennsylvania: Observer-Reporter.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was attacked and killed by a dog being walked on a leash. The dog's owner was cited for harboring a dangerous dog and failing to confine his animal.

July 2015/Salem, Oregon: StatesmanJournal.com reported that three apparently homeless kittens were stuck for at least two days in a storm pipe. Firefighters and city employees used axes and saws to cut pipes to reach them. They were taken to an animal clinic for assessment and were expected to be put up for adoption. A box trap was set for the mother cat, who was believed to be still in the area.

July 2015/Cheektowaga, New York: WIVB.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was seen falling into a storm drain. The witness alerted police and animal shelter workers. A responder lifted sewer grates, climbed into the drain, and searched for the kitten for more than an hour before finding the frightened animal covered with filth. The witness agreed to foster and eventually adopt the kitten.

July 2015/Epsom, New Hampshire: WCVB.com reported that a homeless cat was discovered injured by someone who regularly fed him. He was taken to a veterinary office, where X-rays revealed severe damage caused by a bullet that left metal shrapnel throughout a front leg, which would require amputation. Shrapnel was also found in one of his rear legs, where he was evidently shot several months before. He was receiving treatment, and police were investigating. No suspects were identified.

July 2015/Orlando, Florida: MyNews13.com reported that firefighters worked to rescue an apparently homeless kitten who had become trapped in a storm drain. After the rescue, she was taken to a veterinarian for assessment and was being cared for at the fire station until a home could be found for her.

July 2015/South Bend, Indiana: WSBT.com reported that a homeless cat who regularly roamed a neighborhood was tortured to death, allegedly by children who beat the animal with a brick and set the cat on fire. Authorities were investigating, and the suspects were minors.

July 2015/Scotia, New York: TWCNews.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot with a BB gun or an air gun, resulting in a severe eye injury. Police were investigating. No suspects were identified, and no additional details were given.

July 2015/New York, New York: NYPost.com reported that an apparently homeless cat got trapped on a narrow ledge on the Manhattan Bridge. New York City Department of Transportation workers shut down a lane of the bridge for approximately one hour to rescue the cat, who was then assessed by a veterinarian. The animal was expected to be put up for adoption if not claimed.

July 2015/Athens, Alabama: ENewsCourier.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was taken to a veterinarian after returning home sick. An examination revealed that the cat's symptoms were consistent with ingesting poison. The cat died, and the owner filed a warrant for her neighbor's arrest. Authorities were investigating.

July 2015/Suwanee, Georgia: CBS46.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was shot with an arrow. The cat was found on a woman's porch with an arrow protruding from his or her back. The woman was unable to capture the cat but said that the arrow "worked its way out after a few days." The woman and animal control officials were trying to trap the cat for treatment. No suspects were identified.

July 2015/Tulsa, Oklahoma: KJRH.com reported that three dead cats and bowls of cat food laced with antifreeze were found in an alley where a woman feeds homeless cats. A reward was being offered for information leading to the prosecution of whoever set out the poison, and no suspects were identified.

July 2015/Prince George's County, Maryland: Patch.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten got trapped in the engine compartment of a car. The driver took the car to a fire station, where workers disassembled part of its front end to retrieve her. She was taken to a veterinary office, where she was treated for minor scrapes and a burn, and was put up for adoption.

July 2015/Omaha, Nebraska: WOWT.com reported that a good Samaritan found a kitten, who was apparently part of a program to trap, neuter, and re-adopt (TNR) homeless cats outdoors, on the street covered with scabs, dehydrated and malnourished, missing patches of hair, and weighing only 1 pound. He had previously been neutered and ear-tipped. The good Samaritan provided him with badly needed veterinary care and was caring for him while he recovered. She hoped to find him a permanent home.

July 2015/South Bend, Indiana: WSBT.com reported that a man was in jail on 11 felony counts of cruelty to animals for allegedly shooting and killing neighborhood animals, including cats who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision. During the investigation, which began after the bodies of animals killed with BB or .22-caliber bullets were found in an alley, it was revealed that the accused had conducted Internet searches on ways to kill feral cats. A judge refused to reduce bond in the case.

July 2015/Henrico County, Virginia: WRIC.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a car's suspension. The driver pulled into a fire station after noticing the cat stuck under her car. Firefighters were able to extricate the kitten, who appeared uninjured. He was taken to a shelter and expected to be put up for adoption.

July 2015/Pasadena, Texas: KHOU.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was trapped near some drain openings on a highway. A police officer heard the cat's cries and was able to locate and rescue the animal. The kitten was taken to a local shelter.

July 2015/Keizer, Oregon: StatesmanJournal.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found bleeding and unable to close his mouth. He was taken to a veterinary clinic, where X-rays revealed that he had been shot in the mouth and a bullet remained lodged in his jaw. He was mercifully euthanized. Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

July 2015/Little Rock, Arkansas: ArkansasOnline.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was found trapped inside the engine compartment of a car after the vehicle was involved in a collision on a freeway. The cat didn't appear injured and was adopted by the car's driver upon the woman's release from the hospital.

July 2015/Auburn Township, Pennsylvania: PAHomePage.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot with a crossbow. The animal's owner found him with an arrow through his leg. He was taken to a veterinarian but died from complications during treatment. Authorities were investigating, and a neighbor was accused of shooting him.

July 2015/Vancouver, Washington: Columbian.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped inside the electrical box of a recreational vehicle. Firefighters worked for approximately an hour and a half to extricate the cat, who was transported by animal control officials to an animal shelter. The kitten was uninjured and would likely be put up for adoption.

July 2015/Grand Rapids, Michigan: Fox17Online.com reported that a homeless feral kitten wandered, in pain and blind, for weeks before a good Samaritan found her and took her to a veterinary clinic. Because of untreated severe infections, veterinarians removed both of the kitten's eyes. A veterinarian explained that the infection was likely the result of a preventable illness for which vaccinations are available, but "[b]ecause she was an outdoor wild kitty, she didn't have the benefit of that." The kitten was expected to recover and be put up for adoption.

July 2015/Santa Fe, New Mexico: SantaFeNewMexican.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home with burned whiskers and injuries to his head and eyes. He was taken to a government-run animal shelter, where a veterinarian reported that his mouth had also sustained injuries consistent with burns. The cat was treated, neutered, and returned to his owners. Animal control officials were investigating and believed that he had been intentionally harmed. No suspects were identified.

July 2015/Coalville, Utah: ParkRecord.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot in the eye with a BB or pellet gun. The animal was taken to a veterinarian and underwent surgery but died the next day. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects were identified.

July 2015/Leesburg, Florida: ClickOrlando.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was trapped inside a fence post that was 2 feet underground and anchored in concrete. A responding firefighter was able to extricate the kitten, whom she adopted.

July 2015/Lincolnton, North Carolina: WCNC.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was trapped in a storm drain. Responding firefighters were able to extricate the kitten, and an employee at a nearby store found a temporary home for the animal.

July 2015/Tampa Bay, Florida: ABCActionNews.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was trapped inside the engine compartment of a car for at least one full summer day that included two 45-minute drives and hours parked in the Florida sun. At the end of the day, the car's owner took the vehicle to a shop, where the kitten was found and extricated. The car's owner adopted the animal.

July 2015/Warren, Maine: BangorDailyNews.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was apparently hit by a car. The animal's owner called a veterinarian to pick up and treat the cat but much later in the day found that the animal was still suffering on the side of a road. The owner cut the cat's throat with a dull knife in an unsuccessful attempt to euthanize the animal. A veterinarian arrived and took the still-living animal for treatment. The cat died from knife wounds, and the owner was charged with cruelty to animals.

July 2015/Charlotte, North Carolina: WCNC.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found injured in her front yard. She was taken to a veterinary hospital, where it was determined that she had been shot at close range in the chest with a .22-caliber bullet. The bullet traveled through her body and damaged one of her legs so badly that it required amputation. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified. The cat was recovering.

July 2015/Moreno Valley, California: PE.com reported that animal control officers called plumbers to break a hole in a sidewalk and cut away a section of pipe to retrieve a kitten who was trapped under a concrete walkway. The cat was taken to an animal shelter and expected to be put up for adoption.

July 2014/Coral Gables, Florida: NBCMiami.com reported that paramedics with the local fire department worked to extricate a kitten who was stuck in the suspension of a vehicle in a parking lot. A bystander adopted the kitten.

July 2015/Middletown, Rhode Island: WPRI.com reported that a homeless cat who was part of a feral colony in the area was killed by a dog. Because a child was scratched by the cat before he or she died, the animal was tested for rabies. The test results were positive, and the child and dog were both receiving post-exposure rabies treatment.

July 2015/Oceanport, New Jersey: APP.com reported that four apparently homeless kittens who were found smashed to death on local streets had fallen from the engine compartment of a moving vehicle. It was initially thought that they were intentionally killed, but surveillance footage showed that the animals fell from beneath the car in an area where an extensive feral cat population exists.

July 2015/Auburn Hills, Michigan: TheOaklandPress.com reported that a cat who was apparently abandoned or allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found badly injured under a car in a parking lot. A good Samaritan took the cat to a veterinary clinic, where it was determined that she had a dislocated hip and a chip was broken off her pelvis. She was receiving medical treatment.

July 2015/Shelbyville, Tennessee: WKRN.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found shot in her yard. Her family was asking anyone with information to contact them. No additional details were given.

July 2015/Bowling Green, Kentucky: BGDailyNews.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped after falling down a 10-foot-deep drainage pipe. An animal control officer retrieved the cat and took the animal to a local shelter. No additional details were given.

July 2015/Kenbridge, Virginia: WTVR.com reported that a kitten who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found decapitated on his owner's front lawn. Police investigated and believed they had identified a suspect, who was a juvenile. They expected to seek formal charges against him.

July 2015/Hackettstown, New Jersey: NJ.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became stuck in the fan blades of a car engine and was believed to have been inside the engine during a 28-mile trip. Public works employees were able to free the cat, who didn't appear injured and was transferred to a local animal shelter.

July 2015/Oakland, California: ContraCostaTimes.com reported that while stopped at a traffic light, a motorist heard the "unbelievably loud cry" of an apparently homeless kitten trapped in a storm drain. After three days of efforts by Bay Area Rapid Transit and fire department personnel, the cat was retrieved and taken to an animal-placement group. He was expected to be put up for adoption.

July 2015/Westminster, Colorado: Denver.CBSLocal.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot, leaving a metal pellet in his hip. He was expected to undergo surgery to have the pellet removed. He was reportedly one of at least three cats in the area who had been shot. No suspects were identified.

July 2015/Staten Island, New York: SILive.com reported that a witness saw an apparently homeless kitten run across a busy intersection and fall down a storm drain. Police were called and worked for nearly three hours to retrieve the animal. A passerby took the kitten to a veterinary hospital for an examination, and the animal was adopted.

June 2015/Westport, Massachusetts: WPRI.com reported that a homeless cat nearly lost his front foot after he became caught in a leg-hold trap. The cat, who was badly injured, was taken to an animal shelter. After weeks of treatment, he was put up for adoption. No suspects were identified.

June 2015/Broward County, Florida: NBCMiami.com reported that an apparently homeless cat sustained burns to nearly 40 percent of her face. Animal control officers rescued her and reported that she smelled of motor oil and may have been burned when she crawled under a car or into a car engine in an attempt to escape the scorching summer sun.

June 2015/Savannah, Georgia: WTOG.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became stuck in a storm drain. A good Samaritan entered the drain and said that the animal "swam" to her. She planned to foster the kitten.

June 2015/Jonesboro, Arkansas: TheRepublic.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was picked up and taken home by a man whose stepsons dismembered the animal the next day. The animal's mutilated remains were found in the backyard after one of the children told a neighbor about the incident. Because the children were under the age of 10, they could not be criminally charged but would likely be referred for counseling.

June 2015/Sonora, California: LATimes.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was picked up by the tail and slammed to the ground by a man who claimed that he was angry because another cat in the area had bitten him the previous week. The cat reportedly died from his or her injuries. The man was arrested on suspicion of felony cruelty to animals.

June 2015/Indianapolis, Indiana: TheIndyChannel.com reported that animal control, police, and energy company officials worked for hours to remove a storm drain cover to retrieve a kitten who was trapped. Just minutes after the cat was retrieved, a rainstorm began, and rescuers believed the animal would have drowned if not retrieved from the drain. The kitten was placed in a foster home.

June 2015/Buffalo, New York: WKBW.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot. The cat was taken to a veterinary clinic, where an X-ray revealed that a bullet had shattered her leg bone and become lodged. Her leg required amputation. She was recovering, and authorities were investigating. No suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Lower Saucon Township, Pennsylvania: MCall.com reported that police were investigating after approximately a dozen area cats were found dead in yards throughout the community. Some neighbors reportedly told police that stray cats are an issue in the neighborhood. LehighValleyLive.com later reported that the cats died of panleukopenia, a highly contagious, painful, and nearly always fatal virus also known as feline distemper.

June 2015/Mattydale, New York: TWCNews.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision died after being shot with a BB gun by a neighbor. The man was facing felony and misdemeanor cruelty-to-animals charges.

June 2015/Sterling Heights, Michigan: CandGNews.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was attacked and killed by five dogs who were also roaming unsupervised. Neighbors who witnessed the attack called 911, and police issued multiple tickets to the dogs' owner.

June 2015/Savannah, Georgia: SavannahNow.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was found in distress after being purposely soaked with spray paint. Animal control officers took the animal to a government-run animal shelter for veterinary treatment. The kitten was expected to recover and be put up for adoption. Officials asked anyone with information to contact the department, but no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Amherst, New York: WKBW.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became stuck inside the engine compartment of a truck. It took nearly an hour for an animal control officer and a good Samaritan to extricate the kitten, who was taken to a local animal shelter for observation.

June 2015/Queens, New York: DNAInfo.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became stuck inside the frame of a tow truck. A police officer spent more than an hour working under the truck to retrieve the animal. A passerby reportedly took the kitten home.

June 2015/Huber Heights, Ohio: ABC22Now.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was crippled after being shot with a BB gun. She was hit in one of her front legs, which she could only drag and may require amputation. One of the owner's other cats was previously intentionally run over with a car. Neighborhood children had been seen chasing cats in the area. Anyone with information was asked to call police, but no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Santa Rosa County, Florida: NWFDailyNews.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was found suffering from severe burns to her feet by a good Samaritan, who reported that she "could smell the infection and see the bones of her feet." The kitten was being treated at an animal shelter, and a report was filed with officials. The cause of the burns wasn't clear, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Indianapolis, Indiana: TheIndyChannel.com reported that a kitten who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home covered with blood after being shot with a pellet gun. One pellet hit him in the back, and another pierced his eye. He was receiving veterinary treatment for his injuries, including severe brain swelling, but his prognosis was unclear. Police were investigating a possible suspect.

June 2015/Athens, Ohio: AthensMessenger.com reported that city fire department personnel spent nearly an hour and a half working to rescue an apparently homeless kitten who was trapped in a storm drain. The kitten was freed and reportedly adopted.

June 2015/Suffolk County, New York: Newsday.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became stuck in the engine of a minivan. Suffolk County Police Emergency Services put the vehicle on a jack and worked under the hood to remove the animal. No additional details were given.

June 2015/Queens, New York: NBCNewYork.com reported that police officers worked for about a half an hour to rescue an apparently homeless kitten who was trapped in the engine of a car. The kitten was taken to the precinct and fed.

June 2015/Oconto, Wisconsin: GreenBayPressGazette.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home injured. He was taken to a veterinarian where an X-ray revealed a triangular-shaped bullet lodged in his back. He had to be euthanized. Police were seeking information from the public, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Evansville, Indiana: 14News.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had become stuck in a storm drain. After initially failing to retrieve the kitten, animal control officials set a box trap in the drain overnight and captured the animal. The kitten was expected to be put up for adoption.

June 2015/Lima, Ohio: LimaOhio.com reported that a man found his cat, who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision, badly injured. Responding police officers found the cat under a porch. The animal was not moving and was experiencing labored breathing. They suspected that the cat had been attacked by another animal. The owner was asked to take the cat to a veterinarian but said he had never taken the cat to a veterinarian and didn't know where one was. With the owner's permission, police shot and killed the cat to end the animal's suffering.

June 2015/Glandorf, Ohio: LimaOhio.com reported that a cat who was left outdoors without supervision was seen being taken from her porch by a teen. The owner witnessed a teen running from the porch with the cat, who was screaming. The cat escaped, but the flesh of her tail had been cut off, leaving only bone. She was taken to a veterinarian, who reported that only a few inches of skin remained at the base of her tail, which had to be amputated. Anyone with information about the incident was asked to call the authorities, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Boynton Beach, Florida: WPBF.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain. Police officers lowered a box trap into it and retrieved the kitten. No additional details were given.

June 2015/Woodford County, Kentucky: Lex18.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home dragging her leg. She was taken to a veterinarian's office, where it was determined that she had been shot in the back with a BB gun. Local animal control officials said that in the past year, at least six cats in the area had been shot with BBs and that several others were missing. One area cat owner told the outlet that a cat whom she regularly allows to roam outdoors without supervision had been shot on four different occasions. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Newberg, Oregon: KPTV.com reported that a cat who escaped her home through an open window returned home with a BB pellet lodged in her face. She was taken to a veterinarian's office, where she was scheduled for surgery. She was expected to recover. Her owners planned to file a police report, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Brooklyn, New York: Newsday.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped under the engine block of a vehicle. A responding police officer was able to pull the kitten out of the engine compartment, and another police officer adopted the animal.

June 2015/San Jose, California: KTVU.com reported that a dog was recovering after eating dry cat food laced with a white powder thought to contain strychnine at a local park. The dog's owner believed the poisoned cat food had been set out to kill feral cats in the neighborhood. Animal control authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Rosharon, Texas: KHOU.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was found in the engine compartment of a car in Rosharon after the driver responded to a mandatory evacuation because of flooding in San Marcos. The woman reported hearing the kitten crying during the approximately 175-mile drive in a downpour but didn't find the kitten in the engine until the next day. The woman adopted the kitten.

June 2015/Hartford, Connecticut: Courant.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain and could be heard crying. Responding police officers, including a member of the department's dive team, rescued the wet and shivering animal, who was taken to a veterinarian's office and was recovering.

June 2015/Nicholasville, Kentucky: CentralKYNews.com reported that three homeless kittens died apparently after falling out of the wheel well of a car—it's suspected that their mother placed them there in an attempt to keep them warm. A motorist following the car on a highway saw the kittens fall out of the car and onto the road and called authorities, believing that the animals had been intentionally thrown from the vehicle.

June 2015/Chatsworth, Georgia: DaltonDailyCitizen.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was strangled to death. A neighbor told authorities that she witnessed a man “down on one knee choking the cat” and alerted the animal's owner. The cat's owner said she found the man holding the dead cat. When asked if he had killed the animal, he placed the cat in her yard and left. The man was convicted of aggravated cruelty to animals and sentenced to three years—90 days in jail and the rest on probation.

June 2015/Lancaster, Pennsylvania: WGAL.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became stuck in a storm drain. The pipe was too narrow for firefighters to fit down, but they were able to lower a 6-year-old girl into it with her mother's permission. The girl coaxed the kitten to her and handed the animal to rescuers. The kitten was taken to a local animal shelter, where she was expected to be put up for adoption.

June 2015/Fort Washington, Maryland: WashingtonPost.com reported that the Prince George's County Animal Management Division was called to pick up an injured and apparently homeless cat in the caller's front yard. The cat was unable to stand and was believed to have been hit by a car. The caller reported “seeing a woman get out of her car and yell at the cat before driving off.” The cat was reportedly picked up and eventually transferred to an adoption group. No additional details were given.

June 2015/Middletown, Ohio: WLWT.com reported that a homeless cat who was beaten and burned by an unknown assailant was mercifully euthanized. The cat was reportedly taken to a veterinary hospital after a witness saw someone beating him and trying to set him on fire. Police were alerted, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Bella Vista, Arkansas: 4029TV.com reported that one homeless kitten was dead and another was recovering from serious injuries sustained in a separate incident. The surviving kitten may have been hit by a car. She required the amputation of one of her legs and was also treated for malnutrition and severe flea and ear mite infestations. She was expected to recover and be put up for adoption. The other kitten was found “flopping around” and was taken to a veterinarian. X-rays revealed that he had been shot three times with a BB gun, striking him in the mouth, neck, and back. He underwent surgery for the BB wounds, a broken leg, and a collapsed lung but didn't wake up from anesthesia. Local police reportedly told the outlet that they won't investigate these cases because reports were never filed.

June 2015/Tempe, Arizona: KPHO.com reported that a police officer rescued two apparently homeless kittens just after midnight when one ran in front of her car and another was found terrified and pressed up against a wall in an alley. The animals were dehydrated, weak, and malnourished. Another officer provided CPR to one of the kittens when he or she stopped breathing after the rescue. Both animals were being cared for at an animal shelter.

June 2015/Custer, Washington: Q13FOX.com reported that three cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were the victims of human violence. One cat was found beaten to death, and two others were recovering from serious injuries, including a broken leg. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/San Jose, California: MercuryNews.com reported that a man and at least two of his neighbors who allow their cats to roam outdoors without supervision received an anonymous letter threatening to kill his cat if the animal is seen eating garden lizards or defecating in flowerbeds. Anyone receiving similar letters was encouraged to report them to the animal control department. No suspects were identified.

June 2015/Chattanooga, Tennessee: NewsChannel9.com reported that a homeless cat was found dead after becoming trapped in a storm drain. Firefighters were able to capture a surviving kitten who was then taken to an animal shelter.

June 2015/Chanceford Township, Pennsylvania: YorkDispatch.com reported that a cat who was apparently allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found dead, hanging by the neck from a piece of twine in a resident's barn. Anyone with information was asked to contact authorities, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Macon County, North Carolina: WYFF4.com reported that an apparently homeless cat who had been roaming around an elementary school was shot and stabbed to death by one of two armed suspects who were eventually captured and arrested. They were charged with multiple criminal counts, including cruelty to animals.

June 2015/Wichita, Kansas: KWCH.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten rode approximately 50 miles in a car's engine before the driver took the car to a mechanic after hearing the animal's cries. Mechanics had to remove part of the car's bumper to rescue the kitten, who was found with blisters on his feet. The car's owner was caring for the kitten and hoped to find a home for him.

June 2015/Houston, Texas: KHOU.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain on a busy highway. Workers from a local animal shelter used safety harnesses to dangle over a busy intersection for several hours in order to retrieve the kitten. The animal was taken to a local animal shelter for care.

June 2015/Sun City Hilton Head, South Carolina: IslandPacket.com reported that a contractor found five newborn kittens crying behind a wall in a home that was being worked on. The kittens were taken to a local animal shelter, and efforts were underway to trap the apparently homeless mother cat.

June 2015/Ithaca, New York: Syracuse.com reported that seven cats who were part of a so-called "managed colony" were found dead or sick after ingesting antifreeze that was mixed with dry cat food and set out in a parking lot where the cats apparently gathered. Of the seven cats, only one survived. Two of the animals were found dead, and the others were euthanized because of the severity of their symptoms. On a later date, CNYCentral.com reported that the number of cats who had ingested the poison had risen to 15, including two more cats found dead. An investigation was undertaken, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2015/Niles, Illinois: ChicagoTribune.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot in the neck with a pellet gun. The bullet evidently "shoved a piece of tissue into her trachea and that was obstructing it." The cat was taken to a veterinarian for treatment, but six days after being shot, she had to be euthanized after going into cardiac arrest. A police report was filed, and no suspects were identified.

June 2015/Vero Beach, Florida: WPBF.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten who was trapped on a bridge fell approximately 75 feet into the water, cut her feet from trying to grasp onto a barnacle-covered piling, and was rescued by people in a passing boat. She was taken to the Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County, where veterinarians examined and treated her. A good Samaritan who called officials after seeing the kitten in trouble was fostering her.

June 2015/Austin, Texas: GreenCarReports.com reported that a homeless kitten spent two days inside the engine compartment of a car before the vehicle's owner took the car to a shop. The vehicle had to be partially disassembled to reach the terrified animal. The car's owner reported that he had found someone to adopt the kitten.

June 2015/Jurupa Valley, California: MyFoxAtlanta.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was captured by a hawk. A witness saw the kitten fall to the ground about 20 feet into the hawk's flight. The woman took the kitten to an animal shelter, where the animal was treated for a chest wound. The kitten was expected to recover and be sent to a foster home.

May 2015/Paulding County, Georgia: Patch.com reported that a kitten could be heard crying for more than a week before a good Samaritan called animal control to help find him. Searchers eventually found the kitten more than 6 feet down inside a capped PVC fence post. He was "hungry, wet, thirsty and scared" but was expected to recover and be put up for adoption.

May 2015/Columbia, South Carolina: WISTV.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was rescued by a police sergeant after becoming trapped inside a concrete utility pole. The sergeant was flagged down at approximately 4 a.m. by a concerned passerby who heard the kitten crying. The sergeant planned to keep the kitten.

May 2015/Rowlett, Texas: DFW.CBSLocal.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain. Firefighters and animal control officials reportedly deemed it too dangerous to try to retrieve the kitten, but an area resident entered the drain and corralled the kitten with the help of neighbors. They were hoping to find a home for the animal.

May 2015/Jacksonville, Florida: News4Jax.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a manhole. The public utility company was able to retrieve the kitten, who was given to a woman at the scene.

May 2015/Jenkins, Kentucky: WKYT.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot in the leg, shattering the bone. The cat was taken to a veterinarian, who reported that the leg would need to be amputated. The cat's owner suspected a neighbor of the shooting, and officials were investigating.

May 2015/Hendersonville, North Carolina: BlueridgeNow.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in a storm drain. Passengers in a car waiting at a stoplight on a busy road heard the kitten crying. Police were called and were able to raise the storm grate. They lowered a box trap into the drain and retrieved the kitten. The vehicle passengers planned to take the kitten to a veterinarian and either keep the animal or seek another home for him or her.

May 2015/EI Granada, California: Patch.com reported that a cat who was apparently allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found badly injured. The animal was taken to a veterinarian, who determined that the cat had been attacked by a mountain lion. No additional details were given.

May 2015/Phoenix, Arizona: 10News.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was stuck in storm drain for approximately a week before police shut down an intersection for two hours while city workers and a humane society employee retrieved the animal. The kitten was expected to be put up for adoption.

May 2015/Addison, Texas: FOX10Phoenix.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten became trapped in the engine compartment of a car. The car's owner took the vehicle to a garage after hearing meowing coming from the glove compartment. Mechanics worked for approximately 30 minutes taking apart the car and retrieving the kitten. One of the workers planned to keep the animal.

May 2015/Ronkonkoma, New York: UticaOD.com reported that three kittens were found killed in an industrial area where a woman feeds colonies of homeless cats. The kittens had been decapitated and were lined up next to each other. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

May 2015/Boulder, Colorado: DailyCamera.com reported that one feral kitten was dead and another was in critical condition after falling from the top of a two-story garage structure at a business. Animal control and fire officials rescued four additional kittens from the roof and took them to a local animal shelter. The mother of the kittens, who will reportedly be spayed, remained in the area, where individuals at the business apparently feed her.

May 2015/Post Falls, Idaho: KREM.com reported that two cats who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had been shot. Both cats were found by their owner badly injured and were taken to a veterinarian. One cat was reportedly beyond help after a "bullet went in and shredded his insides," so he was mercifully euthanized. The second cat underwent surgery for a shattered femur and was recovering. The owner planned to file a formal police report, and no suspects had been identified.

May 2015/Picayune, Mississippi: PicayuneItem.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found by his owner with "blood pouring from his eyes, ears, nose and throat." The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital where at least eight BBs were found lodged in his eye, head, and larynx. A witness reported seeing a local child shoot the cat while he was in a trap. The cat was expected to recover after having one of his eyes surgically removed. The incident was reported to the local sheriff's department, which was reportedly in contact with the youth court.

May 2015/Marietta, Georgia: WSBTV.com reported that firefighters worked for more than an hour to rescue an apparently homeless kitten who had become stuck in a storm drain. A local neighbor said the animal had been heard screaming in the drain. Local residents reportedly planned to take the kitten to a veterinarian for evaluation.

May 2015/Albuquerque, New Mexico: KOB.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was found gutted in a resident's backyard. The homeowners believed that the animal was killed in a religious ritual. No additional details were provided. Police and animal control officials were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

May 2015/Lebanon, New York: DemocratHerald.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot with a pellet gun. A police officer who responded to the report said that an X-ray showed a pellet lodged inside the cat's leg. No additional details were given.

May 2015/Bend, Oregon: KTVZ.com reported that firefighters worked to remove an apparently homeless kitten from a 20-foot-deep dry well in which he or she had become lost or stuck. After the rescue, animal control officers transported the kitten to a veterinary hospital. No additional details were provided.

May 2015/Athens, Georgia: OnlineAthens.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found bleeding from the abdomen under the owner's porch. The cat was taken to a veterinarian's office, where an examination revealed that the animal had been shot with a .22-caliber bullet. The cat was expected to recover. A police report was filed, and no

suspects had been identified.

May 2015/Mentor, Ohio: FOX8.com reported that firefighters worked to rescue an apparently homeless kitten who had become stuck inside a drain pipe under a driveway. After being extricated from the pipe, the kitten was transported to a veterinary hospital for evaluation.

May 2015/Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Philly.com reported that a kitten born under a shed had become trapped between the shed and a concrete wall. The owner of the property could hear the kitten crying but couldn't get to the animal. Two emergency responders from a local fire station helped free the kitten. The kitten as well as the animal's mother and siblings evidently remained homeless.

May 2015/Riverside, Missouri: FOX4KC.com reported that a homeless kitten was found bleeding and whimpering in a yard. The homeowner took her to a veterinarian's office, where an examination revealed evidence that she had been repeatedly kicked, shot with a pellet gun, and intentionally burned with a chemical on her hindquarters, ears, and tail. She was also malnourished. The kitten was receiving treatment, and a worker at the veterinary clinic planned to adopt her. The kitten's mother was reportedly spayed and released back into the yard where the kitten was found tortured. It wasn't reported if police had been alerted, and no suspects had been identified.

May 2015/Galliano, Louisiana: DailyComet.com reported that emergency responders from a local fire station worked for approximately 90 minutes to rescue an apparently homeless kitten who had become trapped inside the wall of a home. It was believed that the kitten had entered the residence through a hole in the attic. The rescued kitten was taken to the local animal control shelter, and the hole in the attic was repaired.

May 2015/Middletown, New Jersey: APP.com reported that a driver saw an apparently homeless kitten "holding on for dear life on top of [a] highway's concrete median barrier." Police shut down the highway for approximately an hour while officers worked with animal control to capture the terrified animal. The kitten was taken to a local animal shelter.

May 2015/Polk County, Florida: WFLA.com reported that animal control and fire department workers rescued an apparently homeless kitten who had fallen into a storm drain. The kitten was removed from the drain, but no additional information was reported.

May 2015/Houston, Texas: Click2Houston.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was recovering after being shot with an arrow. Police, fire, and animal control officials rescued the cat from a culvert, and city veterinarians removed the arrow. Someone had reportedly adopted the animal, and authorities reportedly told the outlet that "no one will be prosecuted for animal cruelty in this case because the cat was a stray."

May 2015/East Naples, Florida: ABC-7.com reported that three cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had been found dismembered. A sheriff's deputy responding to a report believed that a machete or an ax was used to chop the animals in half. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

May 2015/Oneida, Tennessee: WBIR.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was being treated at a veterinary hospital after being found trying to escape a brush fire by a good Samaritan. The kitten had difficulty walking because of burns to her feet. She was expected to recover and be put up for adoption.

May 2015/Denver, Colorado: 9News.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten had squeezed through a hole in some cinder blocks and become trapped in the basement of a home. After much searching and by following the animal's cries, the homeowners found the kitten and planned to take him or her to a veterinarian.

May 2015/Greensboro, North Carolina: WFMyNews2.com reported that a car that was driven from Kentucky to North Carolina was taken to an automobile dealer for an inspection after the occupants heard the cries of kittens under the hood. Two separate litters of kittens were found in a plastic compartment in the car's engine. The animals were taken to a local veterinarian and then transferred to an animal shelter, which put them in foster care. One of the kittens reportedly died, some were adopted, and some were still up for adoption.

April 2015/Sheffield Township, Ohio: Chronicle.NorthcoastNow.com reported that four kittens were found fatally shot in the head and neck and left in a box next to a driveway. Neighbors were trying to capture the mother cat, who was apparently homeless and didn't appear injured. A report was filed with the sheriff's office, and no suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Charles City, Iowa: WCFCourier.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was attacked and killed by two dogs who were also roaming without supervision. A neighbor reportedly heard the cat screaming and witnessed the attack. Each dog held one end of the cat, and the dogs were “ripping her to pieces.” The dogs were captured by police officers and taken to a local animal shelter. The dogs’ owner was charged with animal control violations.

April 2015/Clarksburg, West Virginia: WBOY.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had been shot. He was found by his owners crying with a hole in his back and a pellet lodged near his spine. He was apparently under veterinary treatment and had “limited use of his hind legs and tail.” It wasn’t reported if police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Phoenix, Arizona: 12News.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was found bleeding and terrified, trapped in fencing on a ledge along a busy freeway. He was rescued by a good Samaritan who took him to a local animal shelter, where veterinarians reportedly found that he was suffering from “severe trauma,” including a burn to a front leg, blood crusted in and around his nostrils, and a severely injured jaw.

April 2015/Sedgwick, Kansas: WRIC.com reported that a homeless cat was taken to a veterinarian after being shot with an arrow. The arrow, which went through the side of the cat’s cheek and about an inch behind his eye, was removed at the veterinary hospital, and the cat was recovering. Anyone with information about the shooting was asked to contact the police department. No suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Lawrence, Kansas: LJWorld.com reported that police were investigating after an apparently homeless cat underneath a mobile home was struck by an arrow, pinning the animal to the undershirt of the structure. The cat was rescued by a local humane society representative and rushed to an emergency veterinary hospital, where the animal had to be euthanized because of the severity of the injuries. No suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Fort Edward, New York: News10.com reported that a homeless cat was found with an arrow through his upper neck. A woman who had been feeding the cat took the animal to a veterinarian’s office, where the arrow was removed. The cat was reportedly adopted, and authorities were investigating the incident. No suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Woodford County, Kentucky: WKYT.com reported that a cat who was apparently allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found inside a car’s engine and sustained burns to his tail. He was recovering at a local animal shelter and was expected to be put up for adoption if his owner didn’t come forward.

April 2015/Richmond, Indiana: WHIO.com reported that authorities were investigating after a good Samaritan found an apparently homeless cat badly injured in a trailer park. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where an examination revealed that the animal had sustained severe burns “down to the muscle on the cat’s chest” and that one “leg was burned to the bone.” The cat was mercifully euthanized, and no suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Plattsburgh, New York: WCVB.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found by her owners covered with blood. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where X-rays revealed that she had been shot. Metal was embedded in her flesh, and the bone in one of her legs was shattered. She was expected to survive. Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Callaway County, Missouri: ConnectMidMissouri.com reported that a woman who had been feeding homeless cats in her yard found four of the animals dead and several others “vomiting and foaming at the mouth.” Poisoning was suspected. Authorities were notified, and no suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Glendale, Arizona: AZCentral.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot and killed by a neighbor, who told police that the animal repeatedly came into his yard. The man was arrested and charged with one count of cruelty to animals.

April 2015/Tullahoma, Tennessee: TullahomaNews.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was recovering at a veterinary hospital after being badly injured in a car engine. The cat likely sought shelter in the engine from reported subzero temperatures and wasn’t discovered until the car’s owner drove more than 10 miles. The animal was badly burned and had deep cuts in several places, exposing bone. After several weeks of treatments for severe infections, he required amputation of his tail and a foreleg. He was expected to be put up for adoption after he recovered.

April 2015/Gwinnett County, Georgia: WSBTV.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot and killed by a neighbor. The neighbor told a police officer that he believed the animal “was coming on his property to pass fleas to his dog.” An official investigation was underway.

April 2015/Kenosha, Wisconsin: KenoshaNews.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was found crawling, unable to walk and in intense pain, and suffering from severe burns to all four of his paws. He was taken to a veterinary hospital, where he was receiving treatment. An investigation was reportedly undertaken to determine the cause of his injuries, but no suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Bedford, Texas: Star-Telegram.com reported that two feral kittens had been found with what a police spokesperson described as “very large” wounds near their genitals and legs, which appeared to have been inflicted weeks before. One of the kittens was so badly injured that he or she had to be euthanized, and the other animal was reportedly recovering. Police were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Seal Beach, California: OCRegister.com reported that an apparently homeless cat, who was regularly fed at a residence, was killed and thrown at the home’s front door. Investigating authorities determined that the cat sustained a neck injury. A suspect was charged with one count of cruelty to animals.

April 2015/Niagara Falls, New York: Niagara-Gazette.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home dragging a large steel-jaw trap that had clamped onto his leg. He was taken to a veterinarian and was expected to recover. Police were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Loxahatchee, Florida: WPTV.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors unattended was attacked and killed by two dogs who were also roaming outdoors unattended. The cat’s skull was crushed and her neck was broken in the attack. Animal control was investigating.

April 2015/Denver, Colorado: KDVR.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was injured in a truck engine, where he had likely sought warmth from frigid temperatures. The cat required intensive care at a veterinary medical center and had to be fitted with an external device to stabilize bones in his jaw while they healed. He was expected to recover and be put up for adoption.

April 2015/Gilbert, Arizona: AZCentral.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was taken to a veterinarian after being found injured. X-rays revealed that the cat had been shot twice, resulting in a broken leg that was embedded with metal fragments. The animal was expected to recover. It wasn’t reported whether authorities were investigating.

April 2015/Marrero, Louisiana: NOLA.com reported that a man was charged with aggravated cruelty to animals after shooting a neighbor’s cat whom he said repeatedly climbed on his vehicle. The cat, who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision, was found injured and was then taken to a veterinarian’s office, where it was determined that he or she had been shot with a pellet gun and was bleeding internally. The cat’s injuries were so severe that the animal had to be euthanized.

April 2015/New York City, New York: NYDailyNews.com reported that a cat found walking on the shoulder of a busy city highway was rescued by a good Samaritan and taken to a veterinarian. An examination revealed that the apparently homeless young cat was pregnant, had been shot in the hip, and was covered with cuts and bruises. It wasn’t reported whether authorities were investigating.

April 2015/Washington, D.C.: WJLA.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had been shot in the eye with a BB gun. The cat’s injury appeared to have occurred days before he was found. He was receiving veterinary treatment, and a reward was being offered for information on the case. No suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Campbell, Ohio: Vindy.com reported that police were investigating after a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found outside his or her house with an arrow through the cat’s midsection. The animal was reportedly taken to a veterinarian. No additional details were given.

April 2015/Sardinia, Ohio: WCPO.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot with a .22-caliber bullet. The cat was taken to a veterinarian but reportedly died. Police were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

April 2015/Grants Pass, Oregon: 12NewsNow.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision received an electric shock while on top of a power pole and then fell 25 feet to the ground. He was taken to a veterinarian's office, where he was being treated. One of his legs may have to be amputated.

March 2015/Stockton, California: FOX40.com reported that residents of a neighborhood say that at least two cats were found beaten to death near an elementary school. One of the residents stated, "There have been a rash of incidents involving mutilation and torturing of cats in the community." The area reportedly has had "a problematic history with strays." Evidence was being gathered to hand over to police, but no suspects were identified.

March 2015/Houlton, Maine: BangorDailyNews.com reported that a good Samaritan found an injured cat and took him to a local animal shelter. A veterinary examination revealed that he had a broken neck, spinal cord damage, broken ribs, and what appeared to be chemical burns on his feet. Because of the injuries, the cat was unable to use his back legs or urinate and defecate on his own and was suffering from "chronic issues affecting his ability to eat and drink on his own." He was reportedly being cared for at the shelter. It wasn't reported whether authorities had been alerted or were investigating the cause of his injuries.

March 2015/Jonesboro, Arkansas: WNEM.com reported that a police patrol officer found an apparently homeless cat with an arrow through the animal's leg. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where the arrow was removed, and he or she was expected to recover. Authorities were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

March 2015/Lindon, Utah: SLTrib.com reported that an apparently homeless cat taken to a local animal shelter by a good Samaritan required immediate medical attention for third-degree burns starting halfway down the back of his head and covering half of his back. A veterinarian reportedly treated the cat for burns and a severe upper respiratory infection. It wasn't known whether the burn was intentional. The cat was expected to recover and be put up for adoption.

March 2015/Boston, Massachusetts: MyFOXBoston.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten was found with his paws frozen to a metal fence. A good Samaritan poured warm water on the kitten's feet to free him from the fence and rushed him to an animal hospital. The kitten was expected to recover and be put up for adoption.

March 2015/Perry, Florida: WCTV.tv reported that a man who was feeding approximately 30 cats around his home and business had found nine of the animals dead from suspected poisoning. Authorities were investigating, but no suspects had been identified. It wasn't reported whether any efforts were being made to bring the remaining cats indoors.

March 2015/Venice, California: ABC7.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was attacked and killed by two dogs who were being walked on leashes. The incident was captured by a video surveillance camera, and authorities reportedly told the cat's owner that because the dogs' owner had apparently been trying to control the animals, it was not a criminal matter.

March 2015/Utica, New York: UticaOD.com reported that a man was charged with felony aggravated cruelty to animals and misdemeanor cruelty to animals for allegedly shooting a homeless cat with a crossbow. Responding to reports of a man shooting a crossbow and the sounds of an animal screaming, police found the cat dead on a sidewalk with a 1-inch wound in the animal's neck and a similar wound on the opposite side of the animal's body. A necropsy confirmed that a crossbow had been used to kill the cat.

March 2015/Missoula, Montana: NBCMontana.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was missing for "a couple of days" before returning home with a steel-jaw trap clamped onto his leg. The cat was taken to a veterinarian's office, where his leg reportedly had to be amputated at the shoulder. His owner told the news outlet that several area cats had recently "disappeared or been killed under mysterious circumstances." The local police department was seeking information about the trapping incident. No suspects had been identified.

March 2015/Indianapolis, Indiana: TheIndyChannel.com reported that a cat had recovered enough to be adopted after being found frozen to a water meter and suffering from such severe frostbite that three of his feet had fallen off the previous winter. The cat was reportedly up for adoption to an individual or family who was "understanding and willing to help with his issues."

March 2015/Cherokee County, Oklahoma: TahlequahDailyPress.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had been shot with an arrow. A veterinarian reportedly retrieved the cat for treatment. The cat's owner met with sheriff's deputies about the incident, but no suspects were identified.

March 2015/Epping, New Hampshire: UnionLeader.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found dead in the engine compartment of a car belonging to the animal's owner. The woman reportedly drove her car to a local store and was alerted by a passerby that there was smoke coming from the car's engine compartment. The woman opened the hood and found the cat dead.

March 2015/Eugene, Oregon: RegisterGuard.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was injured after being shot with a pellet gun. The animal was taken to a veterinarian's office, where a pellet was removed from "between bone and muscle at the base of his tail." Two other cats in the area had reportedly recently "disappeared." A police report was filed, but no suspects were identified.

March 2015/Brunswick, Maine: WCSH6.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had undergone emergency surgery at an animal shelter after getting severely burned, likely after seeking warmth in a car engine that was then started. The cat reportedly would require additional surgery but was expected to survive. If not claimed by an owner, the cat was expected to be put up for adoption.

March 2015/Prattville, Alabama: MontgomeryAdvertiser.com reported that a man pleaded guilty to misdemeanor cruelty-to-animals charges and admitted that he killed a neighbor's cat with a pellet gun after the animal wandered into his yard, which confined his two dogs. The dogs reportedly attacked the cat twice before the cat was shot to death. The dogs' owner was given a 10-day suspended sentence and was ordered to pay \$100 in court costs.

February 2015/Oviedo, Florida: ClickOrlando.com reported that two so-called "neighborhood cats" who had been found limping were taken to a veterinary clinic, where X-rays revealed that they had been shot with a pellet gun. One of the cats had apparently been shot three times, and the other had been shot four times. The examining veterinarian reported that one of the animals would "probably lose one of [his or her] legs." It wasn't reported whether law enforcement had been alerted, and no suspects had been identified.

February 2015/Liverpool, New York: Syracuse.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found lying in the front yard of her house, bleeding. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where it was determined that she had up to 23 BBs in her body and one of her legs was broken. The cat was expected to recover. An investigation was undertaken, but no suspects had been identified.

February 2015/Las Vegas, Nevada: MyNews3.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot and killed while sitting on a fence surrounding the owner's yard. Police were reportedly investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

February 2015/Orono, Maine: BangorDailyNews.com reported that a cat who was evidently allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was attacked and killed by a local bobcat. Area residents were being warned to keep cats indoors, and a trap was set to capture the bobcat.

February 2015/Eugene, Oregon: RegisterGuard.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found with an arrow protruding from her body. She was taken to a local animal shelter, where the arrow was removed. The animal reportedly recovered and was returned to her owners, who reportedly vowed to keep her indoors. It wasn't reported whether an investigation had been undertaken.

February 2015/Kauai, Hawaii: TheGardenIsland.com reported that two cats and a dog who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision died from suspected poisoning. The dog, who was reportedly homeless, was found convulsing and was taken by a good Samaritan to a local shelter, where he died. A cat showing signs of illness was taken to a veterinarian's office, where he also died. Tests on the cat revealed that he had ingested antifreeze. Another cat was found dead under a shed, and poisoning was suspected. Police were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

February 2015/Frenchtown, New Jersey: NJ.com reported that an apparently homeless cat, who had such severe frostbite that she could "barely stand," was recovering at an animal shelter. The bandages on her frostbitten feet were reportedly being changed twice a day, and she was expected to undergo surgery to remove severely damaged toes. She was expected to recover and be put up for adoption.

February 2015/Houlton, Maine: BangorDailyNews.com reported that an apparently homeless cat who had been found lying in a snowbank was receiving treatment at a local animal shelter. A shelter spokesperson told the outlet that “[h]er ears are actually going to fall off. They’re quite frostbit on the top, which happens to cats when they’re outside because the skin is so thin, and the pads of her feet are also falling off due to frostbite.” The cat was expected to be adopted.

February 2015/Fayetteville, Arkansas: THV11.com reported that a man was charged with cruelty to animals after he told police that he had shot a cat in the head with an arrow. After the shooting, a woman apparently house-sitting for the cat’s owner reportedly found the cat behind a couch on the home’s porch. The cat was taken to a veterinarian’s office, where the arrow was removed. The cat was expected to survive.

February 2015/Vancouver, Washington: KPTV.com reported that two cats who were allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had apparently become trapped under an overturned wheelbarrow, where they were found dead. Animal control officers investigating the incident found evidence that the animals were alive when they were trapped with no food or water, and the officers believed that the animals may have been intentionally trapped and left to die. No suspects were identified.

February 2015/Clarkston, Washington: KLEWTV.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision died after being shot by what a veterinarian believed was a rifle. A reward was being offered for information leading to the conviction of the shooter. No suspects were identified.

February 2015/Orange County, New York: NBCNewYork.com reported that three cats rescued after being abandoned outdoors were emaciated and experiencing early signs of frostbite. One of the cats had also been shot with a BB gun, and pellets remained lodged near broken bones in one of his legs and sternum. He also had kidney and bladder infections. He was being treated at a local animal shelter and was expected to recover and be put up for adoption. It wasn’t reported what happened to the other two cats.

February 2015/Salem, Oregon: KOIN.com reported that a woman found her cat, who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision, injured. The cat was taken to a veterinarian’s office, where X-rays revealed that fragments of metal were imbedded in the soft tissues of one of her legs and that she had an injury “consistent with a high-impact ballistic (gunshot wound).” The cat was mercifully euthanized because of the extent of her injuries. Police were reportedly investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

February 2015/Medfield, Massachusetts: Medfield.WickedLocal.com reported that in three separate incidents, local citizens had found cats suffering from varying degrees of frostbite and taken them to a local animal shelter. One of the cats, who was found on the side of an interstate highway, had such severe frostbite injuries that she had to be euthanized. The other two lost the skin on the bottom of their paws but received treatment and were adopted.

January 2015/Wentworth, North Carolina: WFMyNews2.com reported that a cat who was apparently allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot and killed. Authorities were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

January 2015/Holland Township, New Jersey: NJ.com reported that two dogs who had been roaming outdoors without supervision were believed to have killed three cats who were also roaming without supervision. An elderly woman reportedly looked out her window and saw the dogs tugging on one of her cats—one dog was gripping the cat by the head while the other pulled the animal by the tail.

January 2015/Wentworth, North Carolina: WFMYNews2.com reported that the local sheriff’s department was investigating a report by a citizen who said that his cat, who was apparently allowed to roam outdoors without supervision, had been shot and killed. No suspects were identified.

January 2015/Bay City, Michigan: MLive.com reported that a homeless cat who was reportedly part of a colony of cats and had been sterilized and re-abandoned outdoors was found frozen to the steps of the front porch of a woman who fed the colony. The woman noticed that the cat also had a severe eye injury. The cat was taken to a veterinarian, who determined that the animal had damage to both eyes that was likely “deliberately” inflicted. Surgery was performed to remove both of the cat’s eyes. The feline was expected to recover and be placed in a home where he or she will live indoors. Rewards were offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever harmed the cat. No suspects were identified.

January 2015/Redford, Michigan: Freep.com reported that a declawed cat who had been abandoned or allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found bleeding and with his two front paws frozen to a porch. An animal control officer who was responding to the report rescued the cat, whose paw pads had reportedly come off while he was struggling to free himself. A neighbor

reportedly heard meowing the night before the cat was found, and it is believed that the animal had been exposed to the elements overnight, if not longer. The cat was being treated at a veterinary hospital and was expected to recover.

January 2015/Indianapolis, Indiana: ABCNews.Go.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had become stuck in a drain pipe for at least 24 hours after his paws had become frozen to the concrete. Animal control and police officers rescued the animal, who was then taken to the city's animal shelter. The shelter apparently transferred the cat to a local spay/neuter clinic, where he was treated for extremely swollen feet and possible frostbite. The cat was expected to be put up for adoption after his recovery.

January 2015/St. Louis, Missouri: StLouis.CBSLocal.com reported that an apparently homeless kitten who was likely seeking warmth in the engine of a car was injured when the car was started. The car's owner took the young cat to the local animal control shelter, where the injured animal's tail and a portion of his ear had to be amputated. The cat reportedly recovered and was put up for adoption.

January 2015/San Diego, California: ABCNews.Go.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found stuck inside the bumper of a car after a 10-mile trip. An animal control officer rescued the cat and took her to a local animal shelter. The cat was not injured and was eventually reunited with her family.

January 2015/Watertown, Wisconsin: WDTimes.com reported that a cat described as an "outdoor cat" was recovering from burns he had sustained after he fell into a burning fire pit used by a construction crew to dispose of debris. The cat was transported to a veterinary hospital, where he received "thousands of dollars" worth of veterinary care, and was returned to his owners.

January 2015/Oak Forest, Illinois: Patch.com reported that a cat who was part of a "registered colony" of apparently homeless cats had been shot in the head with a pellet gun. The animal was found injured and taken to a veterinary hospital, where it was determined that a bullet had reportedly become lodged in the animal's brain. The cat apparently died three days later. A reward was being offered for information in the case, but no suspects had been identified.

January 2015/Altoona, Pennsylvania: WHEC.com reported that 14 cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were killed in a fire that reportedly started in the cats' bedding, which was located in a carport. Firefighters reportedly said that one of the animals might have knocked over a light bulb that had been placed near the bedding in an attempt to keep the cats warm.

January 2015/Rogersville, Missouri: OzarksFirst.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot with an arrow. His injuries were so severe that he had to be euthanized. The local police department was reportedly handling the case, and no suspects were identified. There was reportedly another recent incident in the area in which a cat was shot with a rifle, but no further details were given.

January 2015/Tampa, Florida: WFLA.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was hit by a car and presumed dead. The animal was then reportedly buried. The cat, who apparently was still alive, clawed his way out of the grave and returned home. He was taken to a local animal shelter, where he was reportedly diagnosed with "a broken jaw, a cracked palate and deep wounds." The shelter, which has an emergency fund, had apparently paid for the cat's treatment.

January 2015/Glen Carbon, Illinois: Fox2Now.com reported that after running errands, a woman took her vehicle in for maintenance. At the shop, an apparently homeless kitten jumped out from under the hood. The cat was taken to an animal shelter and was expected to be put up for adoption.

January 2015/Miami, Florida: WSVN.com reported that city officials worked for hours to rescue a cat they believed had fallen into a pipe that ran under the street and become stuck. The cat was apparently trapped in the pipe for at least 24 hours before being rescued and taken to a veterinary hospital. The animal was expected to recover.

January 2015/Salem, Oregon: StatesmanJournal.com reported that at least nine cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had died after ingesting antifreeze. It was suspected that the animals had eaten food laced with the poison. A local man was arrested and charged with aggravated animal abuse in connection with the incident.

January 2015/Halifax, Massachusetts: 959WATD.com reported that firefighters were called to rescue a cat who had become trapped inside a car engine, after the animal's cries were heard and reported by a convenience store worker. The car's owner reportedly told firefighters that the cat had been trapped and crying for "several days" and he'd thought "the problem would resolve itself." The apparently homeless cat was adopted by a local family.

January 2015/Fayetteville, Arkansas: 5NewsOnline.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found with an arrow through his head. Animal services reportedly transported the animal to a veterinary clinic, where the arrow was removed. The cat was expected to recover. The treating veterinarian said, "The arrow was straight through the head. In through the cheek, out through the nose." Officials said that it damaged the animal's sinuses. Law-enforcement officials were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

January 2015/Falmouth, Massachusetts: WCVB.com reported that a man was charged with maiming a domestic animal, cruelty to animals, and improper storage of a firearm after he had admitted to shooting an arrow at a cat who was in his yard. The animal was reportedly found in a neighbor's yard with an arrow protruding from his body. The arrow was removed at a veterinary hospital, but a fragment remains embedded in his body. The cat was expected to survive but required continuing treatment. The man claimed that he shot the cat because he believed the animal was feral and said the cat had been harassing the quail he keeps on his property.

January 2015/Jacksonville, Florida: News4Jax.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was taken to an animal shelter after he had been found injured and with bullet wounds. Veterinary staff at the shelter determined that the cat had been shot 25 times with BB gun pellets and with a larger caliber bullet, which had become lodged near his spine. One of his legs had to be amputated, and he sustained nerve damage to his remaining rear leg. The cat was expected to survive and be put up for adoption. It was not reported if police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

January 2015/Tampa, Florida: TBO.com reported that the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department was investigating after a cat who had escaped her home and spent the night outdoors was found with a 7-inch crossbow arrow through her head. The cat was taken to a veterinary clinic, where she underwent surgery to have the arrow removed. She was also reportedly treated for a cut in her ear, a broken vertebra in her tail, and insect bites. No suspects were identified.

January 2015/Indian River County, Florida: WPTV.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found outside her home with an arrow protruding from her chest. The cat was reportedly taken to a veterinarian for treatment but died a few hours later. It was not reported whether police were notified, and no suspects were identified.

January 2015/Chicago, Illinois: ChicagoTribune.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had been rescued by city workers after she was found with the tips of her ears frozen off from exposure. The 1-year-old cat's fur was also badly matted, and she was emaciated, weighing just 2.5 pounds. The cat was taken to the city's animal control shelter and then transferred to another shelter to receive veterinary treatment. She was expected to recover and be put up for adoption.

December 2014/Sulphur, Louisiana: KPLCTV.com reported that a homeless cat who was regularly fed by a resident had been found shot to death. Police were reportedly investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

December 2014/St. Francis County, Arkansas: WMCAActionNews5.com reported that two hunters had been arrested after the local sheriff's department received photographs of the men posed in hunting gear with the bodies of three dead cats. A local woman, whose three cats had gone missing, was reportedly scheduled to identify the animals.

December 2014/Montrose, Colorado: MontrosePress.com reported that a man received a deferred judgment with unsupervised probation on a misdemeanor cruelty-to-animals charge after he had shot a neighbor's cat, who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision. The man reportedly believed that it was legal to shoot cats who were killing birds on his property. The cat's status was not given in the available report.

December 2014/Sherwood, Oregon: KOIN.com reported that an apparently abandoned cat had been shot and badly injured in her leg and sternum. A good Samaritan took the cat to a veterinary hospital, where she received treatment and her leg was amputated. The cat was apparently recovering, and it was not reported whether police were notified.

December 2014/Greeneville, Tennessee: GreenevilleSun.com reported that a man was arrested after a witness told police that he had approached a cat who had been roaming outdoors without supervision, placed the barrel of a pellet gun to the animal's head, and pulled the trigger. The alleged shooter then reportedly kicked the cat and threw the animal over a fence. A police officer who visited the home where the cat lived reportedly observed an entrance wound in the back of the animal's head and paralysis of the cat's front paws. The animal was reportedly taken to a veterinary hospital, but his or her status was not reported. The alleged shooter was charged with aggravated cruelty to animals.

December 2014/Salem, Oregon: StatesmanJournal.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home with a leg that was bleeding and had the flesh ripped through to the bone. The cat was taken to a veterinary clinic, where X-rays showed many metal fragments and multiple bone fractures in her leg, consistent with gunshot wounds. The leg was so badly injured that it had to be amputated. The local sheriff's department was notified, but no suspects were identified. The cat was reportedly slowly recovering. A spokesperson for the animal hospital that treated her said that such shootings happen "more often than people think." The cat's owner worries that another cat who had reportedly "disappeared recently" in the same neighborhood was a victim of the same shooter.

December 2014/Phoenix, Oregon: MailTribune.com reported that a man was charged with first-degree animal abuse after he shot a cat with an arrow while the animal was roaming outdoors without supervision. The arrow reportedly "went completely through the cat's abdomen." The cat was taken to a veterinary clinic for treatment and was expected to survive. The shooter reportedly told authorities that he shot the cat because the animal was "a nuisance" and "knocked over his garbage cans."

December 2014/Spokane, Washington: Spokesman.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision "disappeared without a trace." According to the cat's owner, the feline was reportedly the third cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors and had "disappeared" from the area. It was not reported whether police were notified, but no suspects were identified.

December 2014/Batavia, New York: TheBatavian.com reported that a reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a man who had been seen stomping an apparently stray cat to death after the feline was attacked by his leashed dog. The cat's body was reportedly taken to a veterinarian, who determined that the animal had "numerous injuries caused by the dog as well as a broken spine and a crushed skull caused by the stomping." Police were asking anyone with information to contact the department's confidential tip line.

November 2014/Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Philly.com reported that a cat who had apparently been part of a so-called "managed colony" was found dead during a cold snap. A woman who regularly feeds cats at the site reportedly said of the animals, "They starve while shivering so much," and stated that finding dead cats at the colony isn't unusual. Last winter, cat feeders found two dead cats inside one of the makeshift shelters.

November 2014/Livermore, California: MercuryNews.com reported that an apparently homeless cat had become stuck inside a 3 1/2 inch diameter section of a light pole that had been lying on the ground. Firefighters and an electrical company worked to free the animal, which required cutting the pole. When released, the cat was described as "emaciated" and "tattered and fatigued." The cat was taken to an animal shelter and was reportedly recuperating.

November 2014/Omaha, Nebraska: JRN.com reported that construction workers had rescued an apparently homeless kitten with frostbite by bringing the animal to the Nebraska Humane Society. The kitten, who had been found outdoors, was scheduled to undergo surgery to have part of her frostbitten tail removed and was reportedly receiving hydrotherapy twice a day to treat her frostbitten paws. She was expected to recover and be put up for adoption.

November 2014/Price County, Wisconsin: PriceCountyDaily.com reported that a cat was permanently paralyzed after being shot through the spine with a .22 caliber rifle. A resident reportedly called animal control after finding the cat, who was dragging himself around her home. It was believed that the cat had been bleeding and unable to walk for days, as he had lost fur and developed ulcerated wounds on his legs where they had been dragged over the ground. The cat was receiving veterinary treatment and was expected to survive and be put up for adoption—although he'll reportedly have to "wear diapers" and use a wheeled cart for the rest of his life. No suspects were identified in the shooting.

November 2014/Brainerd, Minnesota: BrainerdDispatch.com reported that residents were hearing cats' cries echoing under the streets of Brainerd, where the animals reportedly routinely seek shelter from the elements in the city's storm sewer system. A city animal control officer who had worked to rescue the crying animals stated that kittens often get stuck in the storm sewer system and that he had rescued about two dozen cats from there.

November 2014/Lumberton, Texas: 12NewsNow.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was attacked by two dogs who had also been roaming unsupervised. The cat's owner heard the attack and went outside, which scared off the dogs. The cat reportedly died at the scene, and the dogs' owner was given a ticket.

November 2014/Elbert County, Colorado: TheDenverChannel.com reported that two cats who had been roaming outdoors without supervision in the community had died after being shot. One of the cats reportedly “suffered for two weeks until [his] owner ... could catch him and take him to an animal hospital for surgery.” X-rays revealed that the cat had also previously been shot with a pellet gun. The animal reportedly died three days after surgery. Another local cat, who was described as a “barn cat,” had to be euthanized after being shot in the face. The local sheriff’s office reported that there were no leads in the cases.

November 2014/Parkersburg, West Virginia: TheNewsCenter.tv reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found bleeding after being shot in the shoulder with a pellet gun. A veterinary examination determined that the pellet punctured the animal’s lung. The cat received treatment and was reportedly recovering. Police filed a report, but no suspects had been identified.

November 2014/Salina, Kansas: Salina.com reported that a woman’s cat, who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision, returned home in distress. A veterinarian determined that the cat had been shot and removed three pellets from the animal’s abdomen. The cat reportedly died after surgery. A police report was filed, but no suspects had been identified.

November 2014/Fairhope, Alabama: AL.com reported that an apparently homeless cat died from electrocution after entering a power substation and jumping onto a voltage regulator. The animal’s activity reportedly resulted in a “fire ball” that caused \$60,000 in damage at the substation. The cat was buried by a worker.

November 2014/Jefferson County, Wisconsin: DailyUnion.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found with an arrow through her shoulder. The animal was taken to a veterinarian, who surgically removed the arrow, and the cat was expected to recover. Two years earlier, another cat in the same county who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was also found by his or her owner after being shot with an arrow. A bolt arrow had reportedly, “entered the animal’s cheek and was protruding from [the cat’s] hind leg.” The animal’s injuries were so severe that he or she had to be euthanized. Sheriff’s deputies had reportedly increased patrols in the area, but no suspects had been identified.

November 2014/Cleveland, Ohio: Cleveland.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was attacked by two dogs who had also been roaming unsupervised. The cat’s tail was reportedly so badly injured that it had to be amputated. The animal was reportedly recovering. Seventeen cats in the area, many of whom were part a so-called “managed colony,” had apparently been killed by roaming dogs, and five others were unaccounted for. The two dogs were taken to a local animal shelter by animal control officers.

November 2014/Panama City, Florida: NewsHerald.com reported that four cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision never returned home. A neighbor was arrested after claiming to have abandoned the cats in four different areas of the city because he considered them to be a nuisance. The cats had not been found.

November 2014/Lady’s Island, South Carolina: TheState.com reported that four cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were killed in attacks by two neighborhood dogs who had also been allowed to roam unsupervised. The local Sheriff’s office was reportedly investigating to find the owners of the dogs.

November 2014/Millen, Georgia: TheMillenNews.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised returned home with an arrow through his neck after having been missing for two weeks. A veterinarian removed the arrow, and the cat was reportedly recovering. It was not reported if police were notified, but no suspects had been identified.

November 2014/Bandera, Texas: BanderaBulletin.com reported that less than a month after treating a cat who had been shot in the face with an arrow, a local animal shelter had received another cat who had been shot in the foot with an arrow. The apparently homeless cat received veterinary care and was reportedly recovering at an animal shelter where he was taken by a good Samaritan. The animal reportedly cried and whimpered from pain whenever he was touched. Two weeks earlier, the good Samaritan’s own cat, who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision, was reportedly shot “multiple times with a pellet gun” and had to have his leg amputated. The sheriff’s office was seeking information in the cases, but no suspects had been identified.

November 2014/Des Moines, Iowa: DesMoinesRegister.com reported that police were investigating after a cat who had been left outdoors without supervision was shot with a pellet gun. The cat was apparently found injured by his or her owner and was taken to a veterinary hospital, where a pellet was surgically removed from one of the animal’s eyes. The cat’s other eye had to be removed because it was severely damaged. No suspects had been identified.

November 2014/Westlake, Ohio: WKYC.com reported that an apparently homeless cat who was pregnant had been found injured and stuck in the engine of a city school bus. The animal was discovered wedged in the engine and “whimpering” by the bus’s driver. The cat was taken to a veterinarian, where one of her legs had to be amputated. Her tail was also broken and was reportedly going to be amputated, and she may never regain full control of her bowels and bladder. The cat apparently lost her kittens as a result of the trauma. She was expected to be put up for adoption.

November 2014/Waimea, Hawaii: TheGardenIsland.com reported that a cat who had been left to roam outdoors without supervision died after being attacked by three dogs who had escaped from their fenced enclosure. An eyewitness stated that the dogs scared the cat out from under some bushes and then all three attacked the cat while the animal was on his or her back. A report was filed with the local humane society, which was reportedly investigating the incident.

October 2014/Columbia, Missouri: ColumbiaHeartBeat.com reported that two cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were shot with an air rifle. One of the cats was so badly injured that he had to be euthanized. The other was receiving veterinary treatment for injuries sustained after being shot in the back. Police reports had apparently been filed, but no suspects had been identified.

October 2014/South Glens Falls, New York: PostStar.com reported that police were investigating the shooting of a stray cat who was reportedly found with a severely injured leg. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where X-rays revealed that a BB had become lodged in the animal’s leg, which was amputated. The cat was reportedly recovering. No suspects had been identified.

October 2014/Cleveland, Ohio: Cleveland.com reported that 12 cats who were part of a “managed colony” had been found dead and others from the colony were missing. Some suspected that four dogs who had been roaming in a pack killed the cats. Animal control was attempting to capture the dogs, and local residents were advised to keep their cats indoors.

October 2014/Grove City, Ohio: 10TV.com reported that police were investigating after the remains of four dismembered cats had been found throughout the city. No suspects had been identified.

October 2014/Lillian, Alabama: AL.com reported that at least one cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors died after being attacked by two dogs who had also been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision. Another cat was also apparently attacked by the dogs, and it was not reported whether he or she survived. Both dogs were shot and killed by a responding sheriff’s deputy.

October 2014/Northfield, Vermont: TheNorthfieldNews.com reported that several cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision and three feral cats whom a citizen had been feeding had “disappeared” in the previous two months. The local police department was seeking information, and suspects included native predators and local youth.

October 2014/Arlington, Virginia: WashingtonPost.com reported that a feral cat who was regularly fed by a resident was found with a critical injury. An animal-control officer reportedly captured the cat, who had to be euthanized because of the severity of his or her injury.

October 2014/Orange City, Florida: News-JournalOnline.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home injured. The cat’s owner believed that his neighbor might have injured the animal because a cat he had previously owned and allowed to roam outdoors was shot by the neighbor and found dead in a nearby sewer drain. No additional information on the cat’s condition was reported.

October 2014/Bayonne, New Jersey: HudsonReporter.com reported that a resident found an apparently homeless cat whose tail had been burned so badly that it was almost severed. The resident planned to seek veterinary care for the cat “soon” and reported the incident to law enforcement. No additional information about the cat was given.

October 2014/Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: NBCPhiladelphia.com reported that animal-control officers worked for approximately two hours to free a cat who had become trapped in a car engine. The animal, who was apparently homeless, was reportedly discovered after the car’s driver had trouble steering the vehicle. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where he was treated for severe burns and “a gaping hole in his back.” The animal was recovering and was expected to be put up for adoption.

October 2014/Palmetto Bay, Florida: NBCMiami.com reported that police were investigating the deaths of two cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision. One of the cats was reportedly found dead, but no cause of death was determined. The other was found dead with an arrow in her back. No suspects had been identified.

October 2014/Wichita, Kansas: WIBW.com reported that police were investigating after a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot to death. A neighbor was suspected as the shooter, but no arrests had been made.

October 2014/DeKalb, Illinois: Daily-Chronicle.com reported that two cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were both badly injured within one week of each other. One was found with a metal blow dart lodged deeply in his nose, penetrating the bone. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where the dart was surgically removed, and the cat was reportedly recovering. The other cat, who had been shot with an arrow, was reportedly unsocial and couldn't be captured when police tried to rescue the animal. The cat had not been seen since the rescue effort. Because of a lack of evidence, the local police department had reportedly closed both cases.

October 2014/Pittston, Pennsylvania: PAHomePage.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found in his owner's yard badly injured after being shot. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital where the treating veterinarian reported that the animal "couldn't breathe" and "[h]is esophagus had a hole in it and his lung was punctured and he lost lots of blood." The cat underwent surgery and was expected to survive. A reward was being offered for information about the shooting, but no suspects had been identified.

October 2014/Bangor, Maine: BangorDailyNews.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found with a blow dart lodged in her hindquarters. The cat was reportedly recovering, and police were seeking information. No suspects had been identified.

October 2014/Virginia Beach, Virginia: WAVY.com reported that a cat with a broken leg who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was discovered hiding in a boat. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where an X-ray revealed that the leg had been broken when the animal was shot with a BB or pellet gun. The cat was treated and was recovering. The local animal control department was investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

October 2014/Roseville, California: FOX40.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found hanging dead from a picket fence with a belt wrapped around her neck. A reward was being offered for information on the case, but no suspects had been identified.

October 2014/Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Post-Gazette.com reported that a cat who was allegedly cared for by local residents was severely mauled by two dogs. The cat was rushed to a veterinarian and was apparently stabilized after a 90-minute surgery. Reportedly, the animal was given "heavy-duty pain meds" and was facing a months-long recovery.

October 2014/Chester, West Virginia: WTRF.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found with an arrow protruding from his or her head. A veterinarian was able to remove the arrow, and the cat was reportedly recovering. The local sheriff's office was investigating the incident, but no suspects had been identified.

October 2014/Pipe Creek, Texas: BanderaBulletin.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was recovering at an animal shelter after being shot by an arrow that reportedly went through his nose, mouth, and neck. Anyone with information about the shooting was asked to call animal control, but there were no suspects in the case.

October 2014/Worcester, Massachusetts: NECN.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot in the ear with an arrow. The animal was reportedly found by an animal control officer in the woods tangled in brush. The officer removed the arrow, and the owner took the cat to a veterinary hospital. The animal was expected to recover. Police were investigating, but no suspects had been identified.

October 2014/Asheville, North Carolina: WLOS.com reported that two cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had to be euthanized after experiencing kidney failure from suspected poisoning. One of the cats tested positive for ethylene glycol poisoning. A third cat reportedly "vanished" and was still missing. Animal control had been notified, but no suspects were identified.

October 2014/Cleveland, Ohio: WKYC.com reported that a cat who was apparently allowed to roam outdoors without supervision appeared to have been choked and violently thrown by a juvenile. In a video of the incident, the youth claimed that the cat had eaten his dog's food. Police were investigating, and the cat, who had been found by workers at a local animal shelter, was taken into the shelter's custody.

October 2014/Cleveland, Tennessee: WRCBTV.com reported that an 8-week-old kitten who was apparently homeless sustained burns over 90 percent of her body and required the amputation of one of her legs after being intentionally set on fire. Police were investigating, and a reward was being offered for information leading to an arrest in the case. A “group of young males” was suspected. The kitten was being treated at a veterinary hospital, and the treating veterinarian planned to adopt her.

October 2014/Mansfield, Ohio: MansfieldNewsJournal.com reported that a woman told police that a neighbor had shot her cat, who was apparently allowed to roam outdoors without supervision. The animal’s right ear was reportedly injured in the shooting. No additional details were reported.

October 2014/Massillon, Ohio: CantonRep.com reported that a kitten who was apparently homeless and roaming a neighborhood was taken to a local veterinary hospital after being found seriously injured, “missing his tail and skin from around the tail area and up to his pelvis.” The treating veterinarian reportedly stated that she couldn’t tell what had caused the injury or whether it was intentional and believed that the 7- to 8-week-old kitten might have been hit by a car. The kitten was reportedly recovering. Police were investigating accusations that the kitten had been intentionally harmed.

September 2014/Fort Myers, Florida: NBC-2.com reported that an unspecified number of cats had been found lying dead on residents’ front lawns in one neighborhood. The causes of the animals’ deaths were undetermined, but dogs and poisoning were being considered by some residents.

September 2014/Bend, Oregon: KTVZ.com reported that several cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were missing from a neighborhood and that the remains of two dead cats had been found in the community. It wasn’t reported whether police were investigating.

September 2014/Fairfield, Connecticut: CTPost.com reported that police were investigating the shooting of a cat, who was described as “primarily ‘an outdoor cat.’” The animal, who was found by a neighbor, had been wounded by a .22-caliber bullet. The neighbor reportedly took the cat to a veterinary hospital, where it was determined that he was paralyzed. No suspects had been identified.

September 2014/Dayton, Ohio: WDTN.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was killed by three dogs. The cat’s owner reported that he witnessed the dogs “biting and pulling” the animal. The badly injured cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where he or she died. Police were reportedly investigating the incident.

September 2014/Monroe Township, Ohio: DaytonDailyNews.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot through the neck with an arrow by a neighbor who was reportedly practicing target shooting. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where the arrow was removed, and he was reportedly recovering.

September 2014/Marion County, Florida: Ocala.com reported that a woman was sentenced to probation and ordered to make a \$500 contribution to an animal shelter and complete 25 hours of community service after pleading guilty to cruelty to animals. The charge was reportedly filed after the woman shot a neighbor’s cat twice with a pellet gun. The police spoke with the woman’s son, and according to the news report, she “told him she had shot something and it could still be alive.” The son claimed that he had found the cat severely injured and had killed and buried the animal. The report states that the woman had been “having problems with cats getting into her garbage.”

September 2014/Cortland County, New York: CNYCntral.com reported that two cats who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were badly injured after being shot with a .22-caliber rifle or high-powered pellet gun. One cat had apparently been shot in the face, and the other had been shot in the leg, which had to be amputated. A reward was being offered for information in the case.

September 2014/Galva, Illinois: GalvaNews.com reported that a man had been arrested and charged with aggravated cruelty to animals for allegedly shooting a cat with an archery arrow. The animal apparently had severe wounds and had to be euthanized. The accused was incarcerated at the time of the news report.

September 2014/Reeds Spring, Missouri: News-Leader.com reported that residents of a trailer park had found letters in their mailboxes asking them to leave out bowls of antifreeze to kill homeless and roaming cats in the community. The trailer park’s manager reportedly told the news outlet that there has been an ongoing dispute between residents who feed the cats and those who

consider them a nuisance. One resident reported that there were “dead cats everywhere,” on the property, and a News-Leader.com photographer reportedly saw a dead, burned cat there when covering the story. The local sheriff’s department and humane society were reportedly investigating.

September 2014/Salem, Oregon: StatesmanJournal.com reported that a homeless kitten had been shot twice in the head with a BB gun and that the pellets remained lodged near the animal’s eye and nose. The kitten was reportedly too small to survive surgery to remove the pellets and was being kept on pain medication at an area animal organization. There were reportedly no suspects in the case, and it wasn’t reported if law enforcement was investigating.

September 2014/El Paso, Texas: KVIA.com reported that a cat’s head and two of the animal’s legs had been found placed in a street and a veterinary examination revealed that the cuts “were fairly precise,” suggesting that the animal may have been the victim of human cruelty. The local Animal Services Department was asking people to contact it with information about the incident. No suspects had been identified.

September 2014/Murray, Utah: KSL.com reported that a man was charged with five felony counts of cruelty to animals for allegedly capturing stray kittens using sticky glue boards. Two kittens who were caught on the boards had been reportedly placed in a garbage can where a neighbor found them after hearing their cries. A police officer reportedly found three more kittens trapped on a glue board in a carport area “meowing loudly” and allegedly wrote in a report that one of them appeared to have had a broken leg and another appeared to have had his or her mouth glued shut on the board. According to the news report, the accused told officers that “he thought there was a feral cat problem in the area and he was trying to take care of it.”

September 2014/Quincy, Illinois: WGEM.com reported that a feral cat had been found in an alley with an arrow through his shoulders. An animal control officer used a blanket to capture the cat and reported that the animal “kept trying to run away and getting obstructed because ... [he] would run for about five to six feet and then get tangled up.” The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where euthanasia was being considered for reasons of mercy. No suspects had been identified, and officials were hoping a witness would come forward.

September 2014/Antioch, California: AntiochHerald.com reported that the president of a nonprofit group involved in trapping, neutering, and rebanding cats in the community attended a city council meeting during which she reportedly “decried the discovery of a cat that had been severely burned and had to be euthanized.” No further information was reported.

September 2014/Jacksonville, Florida: News4Jax.com reported that a cat who had been allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found doused in lighter fluid and burned to death outside her home. Police were reportedly investigating, and a reward was being offered for information leading to an arrest in the case. No suspects had been identified.

September 2014/Dallas, Texas: The Dallas–Fort Worth affiliate of CBS reported that a reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for impaling two cats through their hind legs on the spikes of a metal fence surrounding an apartment complex. One of the cats had to be euthanized because of the severity of his or her injuries, and the other escaped while officials worked to remove the animals from the fence. Police had a description of a possible suspect who had not been identified.

September 2014/West Jefferson, Ohio: Madison-Press.com reported that a police officer responding to a 911 call reportedly found a badly burned cat huddled under a resident’s porch. The cat sustained burns over most of his body, and his face was reportedly the most affected—his whiskers were burned off, he’ll likely lose the tips of both ears, and his nose was badly damaged. The officer reportedly believed that an accelerant was used to burn the cat. An investigation was undertaken, and no suspects had been identified.

September 2014/Guttenberg, New Jersey: NJ.com reported that a dog escaped from the yard in which he was confined and killed a cat who was apparently homeless. The dog was quarantined at home, and the owner was cited for failing to leash and license the animal. The cat’s remains were reportedly taken to a crematorium.

September 2014/Saginaw, Michigan: MLive.com reported that an injured cat had been found in a resident’s yard with an arrow protruding from his back. Animal control officers rescued the cat, and an examining veterinarian reportedly determined that the animal had been shot at least a few days prior to being found. The wound had reportedly become infected, and the cat was mercifully euthanized. No suspects had been identified, and anyone with information about the incident was asked to call the Saginaw County Animal Care Center.

September 2014/Indianapolis, Indiana: IndyStar.com reported that a man had been charged with cruelty to animals for allegedly killing a cat who had been roaming outdoors unsupervised by shooting him with at least 10 blow darts—striking him in the colon, back, and genitals. The cat was found alive by his owner but died later at a veterinary hospital. An investigation was reportedly undertaken into the conditions of a cat and two dogs who were still in the custody of the alleged shooter.

September 2014/Wilmington, North Carolina: WWAYTV3.com reported that two cats had been found dismembered in a Wilmington neighborhood. Most recently, an “almost surgically” cut half of a cat was found on a resident’s front lawn. Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

September 2014/Houston, Texas: HoustonPress.com reported that a cat who had been allowed outdoors to roam unsupervised was found dismembered on the front lawn of his home. Other cats have reportedly been found killed in a similar way in the neighborhood. Police were reportedly investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

September 2014/Greene County, Pennsylvania: WPXI.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised was shot at close range, evidently by a handgun, breaking both of the animal’s front legs. The cat was in intensive care at a veterinary hospital. Police were reportedly investigating and had surveillance video footage of the incident.

September 2014/Wilmington Island, Georgia: WTOG.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot with pointed metal BB-type pellets while allegedly sunning himself on someone’s car. After being shot, the cat reportedly dragged himself across a parking lot and hid in the bushes under a neighboring home, where he was found. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, and X-rays showed that the animal had been shot twice and had bullets lodged near his spine. Removing the bullets would reportedly do more harm than good, and the cat’s recovery was uncertain. No suspects had been identified in the case.

September 2014/Columbia, South Carolina: WLTX.com reported that a man was charged for his reported involvement in shooting an opossum and a cat and then throwing the animals’ bodies into a garbage can. The animals were reportedly found dead and had wounds consistent with being shot by a pellet gun.

September 2014/Bainbridge Island, Washington: BainbridgeReview.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot with a pellet gun. The cat’s right front leg was reportedly shattered, requiring major surgery. The cat was supposedly recovering, and a police report was filed.

September 2014/Gorham, Maine: PressHerald.com reported that a homeless cat was shot by authorities after an attack on a local child. The cat, who reportedly had a limp before being shot, eluded capture for four days after being shot in the front leg or legs with a 16-gauge shotgun. The animal was being treated at a veterinary hospital, and the shooting was being investigated.

September 2014/Houston, Texas: Blog.Chron.com reported that a reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) who burned a mother cat and her kittens. The animals were found at an apartment complex with major burns on their bodies. The cats were receiving medical treatment, and authorities were investigating.

August 2014/Pleasant Hill, California: ContraCostaTimes.com reported that police received a report of a cat who was shot multiple times with a BB gun. No additional information was given.

August 2014/Mount Pleasant, South Carolina: PostAndCourier.com reported that a cat who was left outdoors to roam was found dead in a neighbor’s yard and appeared to have been partially eaten by another animal. An area resident said that at least eight cats had “disappeared” from a neighborhood nearby.

August 2014/Hughesville, Pennsylvania: MuncyLuminary.com reported that a man was charged with cruelty to animals for allegedly shooting a cat who roamed the neighborhood and then placing the animal in a plastic bag, which he then stomped on. The man reportedly admitted to shooting the cat and said that he did so because the animal had urinated on his wood pellets. A court date was reportedly set.

August 2014/Austin, Texas: KEYETV.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found one morning in a neighbor’s yard with a steel-jaw trap clamped onto his rear leg. The cat reportedly received veterinary care and lost three toes because of an infection in his foot. He was expected to survive, and a suspect was facing a cruelty-to-animals charge.

August 2014/Springdale, Utah: StGeorgeUtah.com reported that a reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the mutilation of a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision. The cat was reportedly found on his owner's property severed in half, and his heart and lungs had been removed.

August 2014/Graves County, Kentucky: KFVS12.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam unsupervised was shot by a neighbor and died. According to the report, the cat's owner made the shooter bury the cat. The shooter was also accused of attacking an unsupervised dog and breaking the animal's ribs. He was charged with cruelty to animals for the incidents.

August 2014/Rutland, Vermont: MyChamplainValley.com reported that multiple cats had been found dead and dismembered in the community and that animal control officials were urging residents to keep their cats indoors for their safety. Police reportedly weren't sure if the dead cats had been killed by a person or persons or other animals.

August 2014/Akron, Ohio: DigitalJournal.com reported that a man who pleaded guilty to kicking a stray cat while another individual videotaped the incident had failed to show up to his sentencing hearing, resulting in a warrant for his arrest. According to the report, the videotaped incident shows the defendant kicking a roaming cat approximately 3 feet into the air, after which the cat landed and ran away. It was not reported whether the cat was retrieved or received veterinary care.

August 2014/Duryea, Pennsylvania: TimesLeader.com reported that a cat who was allowed outdoors without supervision was shot in the back of the leg. After major surgery, the cat was recovering. Police asked for anyone with information about the shooting to contact the department.

August 2014/Fayette County, Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh.CBSLocal.com reported that a cat who was roaming outdoors unsupervised was shot with an arrow. The animal underwent surgery to have the arrow removed, and police were asking anyone with information to contact them. No further information was available on the cat's condition. No suspects were identified.

August 2014/Queens, New York: NYDailyNews.com reported that a homeless cat, who was part of a frequently fed group of strays, was found dead and surrounded by men, who were reportedly "laughing and dancing" around the animal's body. The cat reportedly appeared to have a crushed rib cage, and parts of his body had embedded pieces of cement. Police closed the investigation because of a lack of evidence.

August 2014/Bellefonte, Pennsylvania: Fox13Now.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot in the face with an arrow. A veterinarian was able to remove the arrow, and the cat was reportedly recovering. Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

August 2014/Franklinton, Ohio: MyFox28Columbus.com reported that an apparently homeless cat was shot 16 times with BBs and pellets. A Good Samaritan found the cat limping and thought the cat had been hit by a car because one of her legs was "in bad shape." The kind person took the animal to a veterinary hospital, where X-rays revealed that the cat had been shot with BBs and pellets. The cat was under treatment and expected to recover. It was not reported whether a police investigation had been undertaken.

August 2014/Warwick, Rhode Island: WPRI.com reported that a man was arrested and charged with maliciously killing an animal after shooting a neighbor's cat who'd wandered onto his property, resulting in the cat's eventual death. The cat's owner reported that before the animal died, he was howling, panting, and gasping for air.

August 2014/Portsmouth, Ohio: Portsmouth-DailyTimes.com reported that a homeless cat who'd been fed regularly by a local woman was found on the woman's porch with an arrow through his ear canal and the back of his neck. The cat was taken to an emergency veterinary hospital, where the arrow was removed and the cat was being treated. The attending veterinarian told the news outlet that "[s]ince we are a 24-hour facility we see this unfortunately quite a bit." It was unclear whether authorities had been notified.

August 2014/Orlando, Florida: MyNews13.com reported that cats who were allowed to roam unsupervised in the community had been found dead. Native predators were suspected of preying on the unattended animals.

July 2014/Lancaster, Ohio: LancasterEagleGazette.com reported that a man was accused of shooting two cats in a trailer park. One of the cats reportedly died, and the other sustained life-threatening injuries. Another cat had reportedly been found dead from apparent gunshot wounds days earlier. The man was arraigned in municipal court. No updates were included in the report in regards to the injured cat.

July 2014/Troy, Michigan: MacombDaily.com reported that a kitten was found sitting on a sidewalk in the rain. A Good Samaritan found the cat and thought he'd been attacked because he was "covered in mucus." She brought the kitten to a veterinarian, where the animal was being treated for an upper respiratory infection, dehydration, and low glucose levels. The person who rescued the animal reportedly told the outlet that "[t]here are many more sickly cats, some covered in blood," near the site where the kitten was found. The local animal control department was reportedly investigating.

July 2014/Laramie, Wyoming: LaramieBoomerang.com posted a letter to the editor reporting that a number of cats being fed by a group of people who reportedly had them spayed and neutered had been disappearing. It was not reported whether any of the remaining cats were being moved for their safety.

July 2014/Newport News, Virginia: WVEC.com reported that a man was arrested after video surveillance footage captured him allowing a pit bull he was walking on a chain to maul a cat to death. The attack on the cat reportedly lasted for several minutes, and when the cat was apparently dead, the man and dog walked away.

July 2014/Bowdoinham, Maine: WCSH6.com reported that a cat was shot to death with a .22-caliber bullet after being allowed outdoors to roam unsupervised. The sheriff's department was investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

July 2014/Beulah, Michigan: UpNorthLive.com reported that a feral cat and a family's dog both died after eating cat food that was potentially poisoned and placed in the community. The county sheriff's office was reportedly investigating and suspects that someone poisoned the food in order to kill off feral cats in the area. The family of the dog who died was caring for kittens who were abandoned when their mother died from the suspected poison. No suspects had been identified.

July 2014/Universal City, Texas: NYDailyNews.com reported that two cats who were outdoors without supervision were found killed and mutilated. Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

July 2014/Richford, New York: PressConnects.com reported that a man was arrested and charged with felony cruelty to animals after a neighbor reported witnessing him kill another neighbor's cat by stomping on the animal's head five or six times before throwing the cat's body into a creek. The suspect reportedly didn't want stray cats in the area.

July 2014/Jefferson, Wisconsin: DailyUnion.com reported that a cat who was undergoing veterinary treatment after having been shot through the shoulder with an arrow was going home to recover but was still in "very bad shape." The cat had been outdoors without supervision when attacked. The local police department was investigating the incident, and no suspects had been identified.

July 2014/Baltimore, Maryland: Examiner.com reported that Baltimore's animal control department was investigating the cause of death of a cat who was found near a dumpster where other cats in a so-called "managed colony" had also been found cruelly killed. More cats had reportedly "disappeared" from the area. Two of the dead cats were found with severe head injuries. No suspects had been identified, and no efforts to remove any remaining cats from the area were reported.

July 2014/Lee County, Florida: WINKNews.com reported that a cat found clinging to life on the side of a road had apparently been hit by a car, shot, and stoned before being left for dead. A veterinarian treating the cat, who was taken to the clinic by a Good Samaritan, reportedly told the outlet that "the cat's rear leg is broken in two places, [she] has a bone infection in her front leg, [she] still has shotgun pellets embedded in her body, [and she] was emaciated and full of parasites when she was found." It was not reported whether an official investigation had been undertaken.

July 2014/Snow Shoe, Pennsylvania: CentreDaily.com reported that a 15-year-old boy was charged with cruelty to animals based on allegations that in June, he shot and killed a cat who was outdoors without supervision. The cat was reportedly shot with a bow and arrow and then crawled under a nearby house, where he or she became tangled in wires and died sometime during a 12-hour period.

July 2014/Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Fox44.com reported that a cat allowed outdoors to roam unsupervised was found dismembered in a neighbor's yard. No evidence other than half of the cat's body was found. An investigation was undertaken, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2014/Washington Township, Pennsylvania: PennLive.com reported that at least two cats who were outdoors without supervision were shot. A witness reported that one of the cats may have been shot from a moving car. The cats' conditions were not reported. Both incidents were reportedly under investigation.

June 2014/Mansfield, Pennsylvania: The *Free Press-Courier* reported that a cat allowed outdoors unsupervised was shot with a BB gun and later died from the injuries. The case was reportedly under investigation, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2014/Epping, Maine: SeaCoastOnline.com reported that a cat outdoors without supervision was shot through the hindquarters, which broke her pelvis in several places and caused extensive nerve damage, according to an examining veterinarian. The cat apparently dragged her body along the road and into a neighbor's yard, where her owner found her crying and unable to move. The cat reportedly died at a veterinary hospital. A reward was being offered for information leading to an arrest in the shooting. No suspects had been identified.

June 2014/Fort Thomas, Kentucky: WLWT.com reported that a family cat outdoors without supervision was found dead in nearby woods, apparently shot in the chest. Police were reportedly investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2014/Martinsville, Indiana: WISHTV.com reported that approximately 30 cats identified as "strays or outside cats" had been found dead in the community, most of them apparently after having been "stomped to death." Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2014/Buckeye Lake, Ohio: 10TV.com reported that approximately nine cats had died of unknown causes at a mobile-home community. Poisoning or disease was suspected. One witness explained that before dying, the animals "were in extreme pain." "There was nothing you could do," a resident said. "They were writhing in pain." It was not reported whether a police investigation had been undertaken.

June 2014/Fayetteville, Arkansas: 5NewsOnline.com reported that a cat outdoors without supervision was found on his or her porch impaled through the abdomen with an arrow. The cat was rushed to a veterinary hospital, where emergency surgery was performed to remove the arrow and treat the wounds. The animal was recovering at home. Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

June 2014/Posey County, Indiana: A woman who had been feeding feral cats in her neighborhood told 14News.com that approximately 10 cats had been found dead in the area in one week. She said that dead cats had been found on a neighbor's porch numerous times. Poison was suspected, but there was reportedly no evidence of it.

June 2014/Albany, Georgia: WALB.com reported that police were investigating the deaths of at least seven cats who were reportedly part of a "managed colony" and were suspected to have been poisoned. A woman who regularly fed the cats told the outlet that she had found some cats dead and others dying when she arrived at the location one day. No suspects had been identified. There was no report that the remaining 40-plus cats fed at the site had been removed for their safety.

May 2014/Toledo, Ohio: ToledoBlade.com reported that a cat who was trapped in an area where strays are fed was found to have a badly broken front leg that had healed incorrectly and become infected. Another homeless cat captured by a Good Samaritan in the community had reportedly been shot and was dragging a front leg. Both cats were brought to Planned Pethood, Inc., where they received veterinary treatment, which included a leg amputation, and were put up for adoption.

May 2014/Sulphur, Louisiana: KPLCTV.com reported that a homeless cat who reportedly "belonged to the neighborhood" was found struggling inside a garbage bag smelling strongly of bleach. According to animal control investigators, the cat was euthanized and it was confirmed that he had bleach in his lungs and had apparently been drowned or suffocated. No suspects had been identified.

May 2014/Stanford, California: StanfordDaily.com reported that a local cat who "perpetually" roamed the Stanford University grounds was hit and killed by a car on the campus.

May 2014/Havana, Illinois: PJStar.com reported that a man was charged with one count of aggravated cruelty to animals for allegedly killing a neighborhood cat by shooting the animal with a crossbow.

May 2014/Paterson, New Jersey: NorthJersey.com reported that police were considering bringing cruelty-to-animals charges against a group of up to six boys ages 8 through 10 who were accused of killing a cat with large rocks and bricks in an alley. Two older children intervened and reported the incident. The cat's injuries were so severe that he required euthanasia approximately one week after the attack.

May 2014/Stockton, California: RecordNet.com reported that a cat was taken to the local animal shelter with an arrow protruding from her head. The arrow had reportedly “just missed an eye, her jugular and her brain” and had apparently been embedded in her head for several days before her rescue. The cat recovered and was put up for adoption. There was no report that a police investigation had been undertaken.

May 2014/Chesterfield County, Virginia: WTVR.com reported that in 10 days, approximately 25 cats had been abandoned at the site of a “managed colony” of homeless cats who were being fed behind some stores in the community. Ten kittens were reportedly left in a rubber bin with holes punched in it and a note written on top that read, *“I’m pour [sic]. Can you ladys [sic] please please help these babys [sic]?”*

May 2014/Lorain, Ohio: The Chronicle-Telegram reported that a cat left outdoors to roam was found on her owner’s porch apparently beaten or strangled to death. Her body was reportedly left with a pink rose and a note that said, “Don’t (expletive) with me. Sorry for your cat.” Police were investigating, and an 18-year-old man was a suspect.

May 2014/St. Paul, Minnesota: TwinCities.com reported that a man threw a cat “as far as he could,” causing the animal to land on a roof, fall to the ground, and die from his or her injuries. A witness told police that the cat was heard “mewing in agony” before dying. The suspect told police that the cat was a stray who had come into his apartment and scared his children. He was charged with cruelty to animals.

May 2014/Kauai, Hawaii: TheGardenIsland.com reported that a reward was being offered for information leading to an arrest in the killings of more than 50 cats across the island in a period of about two months. Witnesses reported seeing cats shot in “sport type” killings from cars. One person who regularly fed cats reported that all seven of the cats she had been feeding suddenly “disappeared.” The local police department said that it hadn’t received the reports, which apparently went to the local humane society and another group that was involved in feeding the cats on the island.

May 2014/Aloha, Oregon: KPTV.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was undergoing surgery after being found limping and bleeding. An X-ray revealed that the cat’s leg was broken and “full of BB pellets.” It was not reported whether authorities were investigating. There were no suspects in the case.

May 2014/Nashville, Tennessee: JRN.com reported that a Good Samaritan found an injured cat meowing loudly and took him to an animal-protection group. The cat was then transported to a veterinary hospital, where it was determined that he’d been shot in two of his legs. One leg was amputated, and the other was mended using a metal plate and screws. The cat was recovering and expected to be put up for adoption. It was not reported whether the incident was under investigation. No suspects were identified.

May 2014/Manchester, New Hampshire: Firehouse.com reported that a firefighter was bitten by a cat while rescuing the animal, who had become stuck in a tree. Reportedly, the fire department had rescued two or three cats stuck in trees within the past three weeks and the department averages at least six rescues a year.

May 2014/Seattle, Washington: KOMONews.com reported that a cat who had “escaped” from his home was found hanged to death on a neighbor’s fence. A chain link and some string material were reportedly attached to the animal’s neck. A necropsy revealed that the cat had struggled before dying from wounds related to the hanging. A reward was being offered for information leading to an arrest in the case. No suspects had been identified.

May 2014/Brooklyn, New York: Philly.com reported that a man was arrested and charged with aggravated cruelty to animals after allegedly posting a video on social media that showed him luring in a stray cat and then kicking the animal into the air. The cat was reportedly found by local animal-protection advocates and was recovering at a veterinary hospital.

May 2014/Peters Township, Pennsylvania: Observer-Reporter.com reported that a cat who was roaming outdoors without supervision was found limping and taken to a veterinary clinic, where it was determined that the animal had been shot. The cat’s prognosis wasn’t reported. Police were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

May 2014/Fairfield, Ohio: WCPO.com reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was found dead in a neighbor’s yard with three puncture wounds on her side. Police reported that the animal was apparently shot. There were no suspects in the case.

May 2014/Omaha, Nebraska: KETV.com reported that humane society officers responded to a call about a cat found impaled by an arrow. The animal was taken to a veterinary hospital for surgery to have the arrow removed. The cat's post-surgical condition wasn't reported. Humane officials were investigating, and no suspects had been identified in the case.

April 2014/Menlo Park, California: MercuryNews.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision returned home limping. The cat's owner took the animal to a veterinarian, where X-rays were taken. According to the sheriff's office, the cat's shoulder was crushed from a gunshot wound and the animal's left leg needed to be amputated. The cat's post-surgical condition wasn't reported. Authorities were investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

April 2014/Cedar Springs, Michigan: MLive.com reported that a plea deal was being considered by a man who was accused of killing a cat who had allegedly entered his home and fought with his two dogs. According to Police Chief Roger Parent, the defendant claimed that he threw the cat into the street and then killed the animal by stomping on the cat's head to end the animal's misery because the cat was lying in the street "twitching from seizures." The cat reportedly belonged to a neighbor.

April 2014/Yonkers, New York: Independent.com.mt reported that 25 cats were found dead and hanging from trees in plastic bags in Yonkers. A metal pipe, two shovels, and a baseball bat were found at the scene, and at least some of the cats had been bludgeoned to death. According to CBS New York, there reportedly were disputes in the neighborhood recently between those who enjoy feeding cats on the streets and others who consider roaming cats a nuisance. The case was under investigation, and no suspects had been identified.

April 2014/Kern County, California: 23ABC News reported that maintenance employees at the Tehachapi Unified School District claimed to have been ordered to trap feral cats on school grounds and drown them in a homemade box called the "box of horrors." A school custodian asked, "If you're going to take the time to trap these cats, why can't you call Animal Control to come and pick them up?" The county's animal control shelter stopped accepting feral cats in June 2013.

April 2014/Toronto, Canada: The *Toronto Sun* reported that more than 20 cats were dead and seven more were missing at two sites where cats were being fed by so-called "caretakers." At least some of the cats had died after ingesting antifreeze, and it's believed that the animals were intentionally poisoned. The deaths are under investigation, and no suspects had been identified. The report didn't indicate that any remaining cats were being trapped for their safety.

April 2014/Chandler, Arizona: AZFamily.com reported that five or six feral cats who were routinely fed by a woman had died from possible poisoning. A number of the cats had reportedly developed symptoms associated with poisoning, "including disorientation and loss of balance," in recent months. "Their back legs would stop working," the feeder's niece said, "and we'd soon find them dead." There remained "just a handful" of homeless cats in that neighborhood. The report didn't indicate that any action had been taken to take the remaining cats to safety. An investigation turned up no leads or evidence in the case.

April 2014/Sandpoint, Idaho: The *Bonner County Daily Bee* reported that a woman who adopted a cat from a local animal shelter and apparently allowed him to roam outdoors without supervision found him crying, wounded, and bleeding outside her back door. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where it was determined that he had been shot with a .22-caliber weapon. The cat was expected to recover after long-term, expensive treatments. A year earlier, another cat in the neighborhood was shot with a .22. That cat's injuries were so severe that he had to be euthanized. Police were reportedly investigating, and no suspects had been identified.

March 2014/Elko, Nevada: ElkoDaily.com reported that a man was charged with cruelty to animals for allegedly taking a stray cat to a deserted location, stomping on the animal's tail, and decapitating the animal with a sword. The accused reportedly told police that after decapitating the cat, he cut out one of the animal's eyes. He reportedly stated that he abused and killed the cat "out of boredom."

March 2014/Montpelier, Vermont: WCAX.com reported that an injured cat found by Good Samaritans outdoors without supervision was taken to a veterinary hospital, where he was diagnosed with a gunshot delivered at point-blank range. The bullet and shrapnel were found in his head—some lodged near his spine. The cat underwent surgery to enable him to chew food and was expected to survive. There was no report of a police investigation or a suspect in the case.

February 2014/New Castle, Colorado: PostIndependent.com reported that the New Castle Police Department had released a statement explaining that a dog and cat from the same neighborhood had died from possible poisoning. Two days after being allowed to roam outdoors without supervision, the cat was taken to a veterinary hospital exhibiting symptoms of poisoning. Despite receiving treatment, the cat had to be euthanized. Several other animals in the neighborhood had also recently become ill.

February 2014/Palm City, Florida: TCPalm.com reported that a shopper found a cat huddled underneath a car in a parking lot and took the animal to a veterinarian. X-rays revealed that the cat had been shot and had buckshot embedded in her body. The shopper took the cat home after the animal received treatment. It was not reported if police were notified.

February 2014/Salamanca, New York: WIVB.com reported that a cat roaming outdoors unsupervised sustained puncture wounds and broken bones after being caught in a steel-jaw trap in a neighborhood where several other animals had also been injured in illegally set traps. The cat was taken to a veterinarian and received treatment that may have required leg amputation. Individuals with information about who may have set the traps were asked to contact the police department. No suspects had been identified.

February 2014/Arlington, Virginia: WJLA.com reported that a Good Samaritan found a roaming, blind cat who was in obvious pain. He was taken to an animal shelter, where a veterinarian removed one of the cat's eyes and determined that approximately 80 pellets of buckshot couldn't be removed without causing additional harm. The cat was reportedly receiving care and recovering. An investigation was undertaken, but no suspects had been identified.

February 2014/Long Beach, California: The Long Beach *Press-Telegram* reported that two cats just one block apart had been shot and killed with arrows in a matter of weeks. Both cats were found alive but too injured to survive. One was euthanized, and the other died during surgery to remove the arrow, which had skewered her liver. An investigation was undertaken, and no suspects had been identified.

February 2014/Brooklyn, New York: NY City Lens reported that approximately 60 cats, including many who were being fed in colonies, had "disappeared" from a neighborhood in the past two months. A police inspector explained, "Its [*sic*] unique because they're feral cats, they are stray cats by nature so because they don't belong to a location there is no complainant, no one owns the cats." An investigation was opened, but a lack of evidence as well as failure on the part of those feeding the cats to take responsibility for them had stymied it.

February 2014/Washington City, Utah: SUIndependent.com reported that a reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who shot a homeless cat through the face and into her body with an arrow. She was reportedly found by a person who had been feeding her and other cats. The cat was near death, hiding under a bush with an arrow sticking out of her nose. She survived and has a hole in the roof of her mouth and tongue and one in her esophagus that could later form scar tissue and "constrict the esophagus." A possible suspect had been identified during a police investigation.

February 2014/Woodstock Township, Michigan: *The Daily Telegram* reported that a man was charged with felony cruelty to animals for allegedly shooting a neighbor's cat. The cat survived but sustained severe injuries that required the amputation of a rear leg. The man faced a sentence of up to four years of incarceration.

February 2014/Bloomfield, Nebraska: *Norfolk Daily News* reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot to death in a box trap set by the city police department. The officer who shot the cat was disciplined.

February 2014/Chesterfield County, Virginia: NBC12.com reported that a cat allowed to roam outside alone was found dead and stuffed into the mailbox of the home where he lived. The cause of his death was not immediately clear. Police undertook an investigation, and no suspects had been identified.

February 2014/Centralia, Washington: *The Chronicle* reported that Centralia police cited a man for allowing his dog to roam at large, after the dog killed a neighbor's cat, who was also outdoors at the time.

January 2014/Grove City, Ohio: 10TV.com reported that two apparently homeless cats were rescued by a Good Samaritan after being found outdoors in the severe cold. One of the cats died from exposure, and the other lost one of her ears and required surgery on her other ear because of frostbite. The surviving cat was undergoing treatment and was to be available for adoption after a couple of months of recovery.

January 2014/Minot, North Dakota: The *Minot Daily News* reported that a cat believed to be a local feral was found frozen to a rock next to a pond. Police rescuers said that it appeared that the cat had fallen into the pond and when he or she tried to climb out, all four feet quickly froze onto a flat rock next to the water. The temperature at the time was 21 degrees below zero. The responding animal control officer had difficulty finding the cat because the animal was so "frosted" over. "All of its limbs were frozen to a rock and it was kind of dangling into the pond," she said. "Clearly you could see injuries on its legs where it was struggling trying to rip

itself off the rock.” The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, but his or her injuries and exposure to subzero temperatures reportedly proved too much to survive. The pond owner reported that the cat could have been frozen to the rock for as long as three hours before being discovered.

January 2014/Syracuse, New York: Syracuse.com reported that a Syracuse Police Department animal cruelty officer checking on animals who may have been left outside during a cold snap found a dead cat who appeared to be a stray and looked as if he or she had frozen to death midstep and “tipped over.”

January 2014/Ingham County, Michigan: WILX.com reported that the Ingham County Animal Control Department was hiring extra officers to respond to emergency calls over a particularly freezing-cold weekend, including a call about a cat with 3-day-old kittens in an abandoned house without heat. The animal control director reported, “Cats and dogs left outdoors during this bitter cold could be confiscated and their owners cited with animal cruelty. In these bitter and extreme temperatures we will find victims of frostbite and when the snow melts, there will be victims of hypothermia that paid the ultimate price—their life.”

January 2014/Villa Rica, Georgia: WSBTV.com reported that six cats and dogs had died in one neighborhood and that residents believe the animals were poisoned. The deaths were reportedly “sudden and painful.” The manager of the local animal control department said the investigation likely couldn’t move forward unless the killer was caught in the act of placing poison.

January 2014/Houston, Texas: CultureMap.com reported that approximately six cats allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had been found dead and mutilated in a neighborhood where “missing cat” fliers had been posted. It wasn’t known if the cats were killed by humans or other animals. One cat named Caesar was found dead, “picked clean and scattered across a neighbor’s yard.” The animal’s head was never located, suggesting to both the cat’s owner and veterinarian that the killing was committed “by a large animal capable of crushing and eating a skull,” such as a large canine. That same news report stated that Harris County authorities had seen an increase in animal-abuse cases in the previous two weeks, including involving a roaming and supposedly “stray, sick” cat who was thrown into the air and shot. Another case involved a suspected serial cat killer in another neighborhood where numerous mutilated dead cats had been found.

January 2014/Summerville, South Carolina: *The Post and Courier* reported that a teen had filmed himself coaxing two cats who were outside roaming without supervision into coming near him, picking them up, and then throwing them approximately 30 feet. The video was posted on social media, and police were notified. The teen was arrested and charged with cruelty to animals. It was not reported if the cats were injured or survived.

January 2014/Spartanburg, South Carolina: WAFF.com reported that a cat who was allowed to roam outdoors without supervision became stuck inside the engine of a neighbor’s truck. The neighbor drove the truck to a maintenance shop, where animal control officers worked for an hour to release the cat. The animal was uninjured and taken to the city animal shelter.

January 2014/Murfreesboro, Tennessee: WKRN.com reported that a teacher shot her neighbor’s cat, who was allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised, claiming that “she was tired of [the cat] using her children’s sandbox as a litter box.” The cat’s owner transported the animal to a veterinarian, where the animal was euthanized because of the extent of the injuries. The teacher was arrested and charged with cruelty to animals.

January 2014/Fawn Township, Pennsylvania: TribLive.com reported that a homeowner called police after a cat was found hanged to death from a tree near the person’s property. The cat had a shoelace tied around his or her legs and another tied around the neck. Police Chief Tim Mayberry said that it was clear that the animal suffered before dying by strangulation. “It was an absolutely sickening sight,” he said. “I’ve been a cop for 20 years and I’ve never seen anything like it.” The case was under investigation, and no suspects had been identified.

January 2014/Jones County, Mississippi: WJTV.com reported that a woman called the Sheriff’s Department after witnessing a man kill a cat with gardening shears. The man told an investigator that the cat was a stray who entered his home after repeatedly trying to get in for several weeks. He also claimed that the cat had made clawing marks on and around his home trying to get indoors. The man stated that he had bludgeoned the cat with a plastic crate and thought he had killed the animal. Later, he noticed that the cat was clinging to life, so he cut the animal with gardening shears to kill him or her. The cat was buried before police arrived, and no charges were filed.

January 2014/Athens, Tennessee: Local8Now.com reported that a man was charged with aggravated cruelty to animals after neighbors saw him pick up a stray kitten by the neck and kick the animal “like a football” into the air. A witness who picked up the kitten said that the animal “twitched” three times before dying in her arms. A court date had been set.

January 2014/Horry County, South Carolina: CarolinaLive.com reported that a cat left outdoors without supervision was attacked and killed by a pack of five beagles. Other animals in the neighborhood had reportedly been found dead recently. There was no mention of an investigation.

December 2013/Las Vegas, Nevada: 8NewsNow.com reported that a cat had been outdoors without supervision for approximately 30 minutes when he was shot with a pellet gun, leaving blood stains on the walls of a back patio. The cat's leg was badly broken and required amputation. Another cat had reportedly been shot in the same neighborhood. No suspects had been identified in the shootings.

December 2013/Gold River, California: News10.net reported that poison had been found in bowls being used to feed unsocialized cats. It was discovered after an anonymous sign had been left at the site that read, "All feral cats will be trapped, shot or poisoned. You like em, take em to your house. They have no place here." No suspect had been identified. It was reported that law-enforcement officials would be on the lookout for the person or persons responsible.

December 2013/Corpus Christi, Texas: KIII-TV reported that a cat left outdoors without supervision was found covered in hot asphalt. At the time, asphalt was being poured at a neighboring home. The cat, who sustained severe burns, was taken to a veterinary hospital, where his recovery was uncertain. Police were trying to locate the paving company working in the area for questioning and possible charges.

December 2013/Austintown, Ohio: According to Vindy.com, a man told police that his cat returned home with an arrow in his or her leg after being outside for four hours without supervision. The cat received veterinary care and was expected to recover. No suspects were identified, and it wasn't clear if police would investigate.

December 2013/Darlington County, South Carolina: CarolinaLive.com reported that a cat who was roaming outdoors without supervision was thrown into a fire, escaped, and was found several days later. After enduring a month of hospitalization and medical treatments, the animal died. A 13-year-old boy was a suspect in the case, which was referred to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

December 2013/Emmett, Idaho: The *Messenger Index* reported that police officers responded to a call about a badly injured cat who had been roaming outside unsupervised. It was believed that the animal had been shot with a pellet gun. After searching the area for suspects, officers returned to the cat's home and were told that the animal had died. No suspects were identified.

December 2013/Waldoboro, Maine: The *Bangor Daily News* reported that a cat died after being shot in the head with a practice arrow. The arrow reportedly entered the cat's nasal cavity and was protruding from under the animal's arm. A Good Samaritan found the animal and took him or her to a veterinary hospital, where the animal died during treatment. Police believe the cat was shot intentionally from a close distance. Officers had several leads in the case and expected to make an arrest.

December 2013/Portland, Oregon: KPTV.com reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors without supervision had to have a leg amputated after being shot with a pellet gun. No suspects were identified, and it wasn't clear if police would investigate.

December 2013/Greenville, South Carolina: WNCT.com reported that after weeks of not being seen by his owners, a cat allowed outside with no supervision was found with a severely injured leg. He was taken to a veterinarian, where it was determined that he had been shot at least once. He required surgery and more than one blood transfusion and was expected to survive. No suspects were identified, and it wasn't clear if police would investigate.

December 2013/Bennington, Vermont: The *Bennington Banner* reported that a man pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of cruelty to animals for throwing a block of wood at a neighbor's cat, killing the animal. After the killing, he put the animal's body in an "outdoor wood boiler furnace."

December 2013/Frederick, Maryland: WFMD.com reported that a cat was shot in the left front leg while roaming outdoors unsupervised. The animal underwent surgery and was expected to recover. A reward was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the shooter. No suspects had been identified.

December 2013/Muncie, Indiana: *The Star Press* reported that three cats were found dead and decomposing in a garage where a woman admitted to trapping the animals whom she considered a nuisance. They had starved to death, according to the local animal shelter superintendent. "Two of the cats had actually began to eat one of the other cats before they died," he said. "It's a horrible act of cruelty." She was cited with three counts of cruelty to animals. A court date had not been set.

November 2013/Beacon Falls, Connecticut: MyCitizensNews.com reported that a reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual who shot a cat who was roaming outdoors unsupervised. The cat's owner was unable to pay for needed medical care, so the injured cat was signed over to an animal shelter, where he survived surgery and was put up for adoption. No suspects had been identified.

November 2013/Monroe, New Jersey: The *Sentinel* reported that a 6- to 8-week-old stray kitten was found trapped in a drainage pipe. Numerous agencies helped to rescue the animal, including Helmetta Animal Control, the East Brunswick Animal Hospital, and the animal control office, the police department, Fire Station 57, and the municipal utility department of Monroe Township.

November 2013/Beacon Falls, Connecticut: *The Courant* reported that a cat allowed outdoors without supervision was found with a bullet wound on his hip. He was taken to a veterinary office, where he was recovering. A reward was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible, and no suspects were named.

November 2013/St. Joseph, Missouri: StJoeChannel.com reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot in the head with a bow and arrow. The arrow was removed during an emergency surgery, and the cat was recovering at home late the following day. There were no known suspects in the case.

November 2013/Lakewood, New Jersey: News12.com reported that a cat left outdoors unsupervised was found with an arrow protruding from her side. She was taken to a veterinary hospital, where the arrow was removed. She was recovering, and there were no suspects in the case.

November 2013/Palm City, Florida: TCPalm.com reported that a woman who fed a homeless cat noticed that his health was deteriorating, so she worked to get him trapped and taken to a veterinary hospital. According to the vet, the cat had a bullet lodged near his spine, an ulcerated cornea, an injured paw, and other wounds. He was treated and put up for adoption. No suspects were identified.

November 2013/Norwich, Connecticut: WFSB.com reported that the mayor of Norwich found a cat who had been shot with an arrow through his chest. The animal, who had been missing for two days, was reportedly found impaled and motionless outside the house where he lived. He recovered—although he may have sustained long-term nerve damage—and was returned to his owner. Animal control officials were seeking information in the case.

November 2013/Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: MyFoxPhilly.com reported that a reward was being offered for the identification of two male suspects believed to have set a cat on fire. A witness reportedly saw the cat run by in flames and then heard one of the men say, "I put a lot of fluid on it." A surveillance camera caught the suspects on video. Authorities were appealing to the public for tips, and the cat, who was reported missing several weeks earlier, was being treated for burns.

November 2013/Portsmouth, Maine: SeaCoastOnline.com reported that a cat allowed outdoors without supervision was mauled and killed after wandering into a fenced yard containing two dogs. The dogs were placed under quarantine at their home.

November 2013/Palm City, Florida: CBS12.com reported that a stray cat was found shot, with a bullet lodged in his body. A veterinary hospital removed the bullet and was treating the cat, who was recovering. The local animal control department was investigating but had no suspects in the shooting.

November 2013/Grand Rapids, Michigan: MLive.com reported that a cat was shot to death with a BB gun after an irritated neighbor claimed that he received no assistance from the local animal control department to address a cat who regularly roamed without supervision and was perceived as a nuisance. The local animal shelters that accept cats charge fees to do so. One shelter was reportedly not accepting cats because there was no room at the facility. The shooter was convicted of felony cruelty to animals.

November 2013/Lincoln, Nebraska: *The Grand Island Independent* reported that a teen admitted to police that he used a hatchet to kill a cat he caught in a trap that he had set to kill squirrels. The teen was cited for cruelty to animals, and formal charges were pending.

November 2013/Hillsboro, Missouri: The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reported that a man who killed a neighbor's cat with a hatchet was sentenced to four years in prison. The cat had reportedly been outside without supervision and wandered onto the man's property.

November 2013/Howell Township, New Jersey: New Jersey News 12 reported that a so-called “neighborhood cat” was found “clearly suffering” with an arrow through her chest. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, where she was being treated. Police were investigating, and no suspects were identified.

November 2013/Marshall County, West Virginia: WTOV9.com reported that a man who was upset with his neighbors shot a roaming cat with an air rifle. The cat survived, and the shooter was arrested.

November 2013/Shirley, New York: CBS New York reported that a dead cat was found with blunt force trauma to the head, propped up in the baby seat of an abandoned shopping cart. The Suffolk County SPCA was investigating, and there were no suspects in the case.

November 2013/Great Bend, Kansas: FoxKansas.com reported that a decapitated cat was found under some trees. A \$5,000 reward was being offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case. No suspects had been identified.

November 2013/Grand Prairie, Texas: The Dallas–Fort Worth affiliate of CBS reported that a teen was arrested after capturing a cat who was outdoors without supervision, hitting the animal approximately 30 times in the head with a hammer, and then eviscerating the feline. The teen admitted to the crime and was released on bond to await trial.

November 2013/McAlester, Oklahoma: The *Muskogee Phoenix* reported that a man admitted to using a city-owned box trap to trap and kill—or otherwise cruelly dispose of—more than 84 cats, raccoons, and skunks who had wandered onto his property before a neighbor reported him. The neighbor said that she heard “a cat and noises” and then saw the man throw a plastic bag into a trash can. After opening the bag and finding a cat near death, the neighbor called police. The man admitted to bludgeoning the cat in the head with a hammer. Police shot the animal at the scene because of the severity of the injuries. The man was arrested and received a deferred sentence and a \$10 fine.

November 2013/Villa Rica, Georgia: The *Times-Georgian* reported that a cat who was on his or her front porch was attacked by two neighborhood dogs who had escaped from their home. In an attempt to stop the attack, the cat’s owner shot one of the dogs, who later required the amputation of a leg but survived and was recovering at home. The cat was taken to a veterinarian and euthanized. No charges were filed in the case.

November 2013/Princeton, Indiana: The *Princeton Daily Clarion* reported that a homeless kitten who had been shot in the face with buckshot from a shotgun was found wandering emaciated and unable to eat with a hole in his head and shattered sinuses. A Good Samaritan took the kitten to a veterinary hospital, where he underwent surgeries. A veterinary technician told the *Clarion* that the kitten began sneezing constantly after the surgeries as his sinuses struggled to heal. But “he’s not sneezing as much since the hole on the top of his head has healed,” the tech said, “but the one on his nose, we’re going to have [to] re-suture that.” The cat survived. It was not reported if the police were investigating.

October 2013/St. Louis County, Minnesota: NorthlandsNewsCenter.com reported that a cat who had been hit by a car and was left dying in the middle of the road was rescued by a county sheriff’s deputy. The officer moved him to the side of the road and found that he was still warm and breathing but essentially unconscious. The cat was taken to an animal shelter, where he recovered and was put up for adoption.

October 2013/Panama City Beach, Florida: *The News Herald* reported that more mutilated remains of cats were being found in the community. For the third time, cats’ remains were discovered in the area—this time a cat’s severed head was found in the middle of a street. Neighbors reported that there have been many similar incidents that were not reported to police. It was unclear if the cats were being killed by humans or other predators. An investigation continued.

October 2013/Chandler, Oklahoma: KRMG.com reported that four of six boys between the ages of 7 and 12 were arrested in an extreme case of cruelty to animals captured on video surveillance in mid-October. The video reportedly shows the children abusing a stray kitten “in several ways” before one of them holds the animal over his head and “slams” him or her onto the ground. The kitten then, evidently motionless, is tossed over a fence into a swimming pool. During the attack, the terrified kitten can be seen repeatedly trying to escape, only to be subjected to more torture. The arrested boys face charges of cruelty to animals. The cat did not survive.

October 2013/Port Orchard, Washington: Q13Fox.com reported that a cat was found “bound in duct tape, soaked in a flammable liquid, and burned” in a resident’s flower bed. She was taken to a veterinary hospital, where she was receiving treatment. An investigation was undertaken, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2013/Las Cruces, New Mexico: The El Paso Times reported that a cat allowed to roam outside without supervision was set on fire in an apartment complex. Laughter was heard before neighbors saw the cat in flames. They sprayed the burning animal with water and called animal control. An officer took the cat to a veterinary hospital, where she had to be euthanized because of the severity of her injuries. A reward was being offered for information about this crime, and no suspects had been identified.

October 2013/Arlington, Virginia: The Arlington edition of Patch.com reported that an Arlington animal control officer was dispatched to rescue a cat who was left outside without supervision and who had become trapped in a sewer pipe in the middle of a street. The cat was reportedly “screaming wildly in distress,” and it was pouring rain. A manhole cover was removed, and the cat was rescued. His owner retrieved him from the animal shelter the next day.

October 2013/Alexandria, Virginia: The DelRay edition of Patch.com reported that a stray kitten became trapped under the fender of a rental car. An animal control officer believed the cat had been trapped while the car was driven “some distance.” Fire department personnel were called to remove the fender of the car, after which the traumatized kitten bolted in fear. The animal was captured in a box trap and taken to the local open-admission animal shelter.

October 2013/New Canaan, Connecticut: The New Canaan edition of Patch.com reported that the cleanly severed head of a cat was found near the end of a neighborhood driveway and a similarly mutilated bird’s head was found on a porch in a local neighborhood. The lacerations were considered too precise to have been caused by an animal. The cat may have been a local woman’s companion who was allowed outdoors to roam without supervision. Police were asking the community to call in with tips about the deaths.

October 2013/Allen County, Indiana: The News-Sentinel reported that a man was convicted of Class D felony cruelty to animals after kicking a stray cat who had gotten into his home. After kicking the cat “hard several times,” the abuser called animal control for assistance in removing the animal from his home. An animal control officer reportedly testified that upon arriving at the home, he or she found the cat, whose “head was wobbling and [whose] eyes were rolling back and forth.” The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital. A veterinarian who examined the animal found that a canine tooth had been knocked out and that the cat had sustained scrapes and other injuries consistent with being kicked more than once. The report didn’t disclose if the animal survived.

October 2013/Allegany County, Maryland: The Washington Post reported that two adults and one juvenile admitted to shooting, with 4-inch-long blow gun darts, at approximately 10 cats roaming outdoors, hitting one of the animals. The two adults were charged with cruelty to animals and attempted cruelty to animals, and the juvenile was turned over to youth crimes authorities. The cat survived the shooting.

October 2013/Union Township, Pennsylvania: The York Daily Record reported that a cat who was outdoors without supervision was shot in the neck with an archery arrow. Police were advised of the incident. It’s not known if the cat survived.

October 2013/Union, South Carolina: FOX Carolina reported that police were investigating the shooting of a cat who was outdoors without supervision. He was found injured and taken to a veterinary hospital, where it was revealed that he had been shot in the spine. His condition was so severe that he was euthanized. No suspects had been identified.

October 2013/Prairieburg, Iowa: The Republic reported that one cat and two dogs died after eating meatballs laced with poison placed purposely in the town. Local ABC affiliate KCRG-TV reported that it was determined that the poison used was strychnine, a painful agent that causes agony before death from suffocation. The case is under investigation, and no suspects have been identified.

October 2013/Washington, D.C.: The Washington Post reported that a \$5,000 reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in fatally crushing the head of a cat who was outdoors without supervision and bludgeoning another cat’s face so badly that he or she had to be euthanized.

October 2013/Queens, New York: Gothamist.com reported that a 12-year-old girl was arrested and charged with aggravated cruelty to animals, a felony, after she and a group of friends coaxed a kitten from a porch where he was outside unsupervised and then threw him into the street, where he was crushed under the wheels of a car. A witness claimed that the girl said, “I would do it again if I could.”

October 2013/Canton, Ohio: CantonRep.com reported that a dog who was repeatedly allowed to roam outside unsupervised killed a cat who was also outdoors without supervision. The dog’s owner was arrested for tampering with evidence after disposing of the dead cat’s body and refusing to divulge the body’s whereabouts and for assaulting neighbors who confronted him about the death.

October 2013/Longmont, Colorado: The Times-Call reported that two men were cited for failing to restrain their dogs, after the animals attacked and killed a cat who was outdoors without supervision.

October 2013/Panama City Beach, Florida: The News Herald reported that a preliminary report on the mutilated remains of a cat found in the community suggests that the animal may have been attacked and dismembered by another animal. The investigation remained open.

October 2013/Fort Mill, South Carolina: The Fort Mill Times reported that a local family was offering a reward for information that resulted in the arrest of the individual who bludgeoned their cat to death while the animal was outside without supervision. The cat's bloody body was found in the woods near a bloody brick. There were no suspects in the case.

October 2013/Crisfield, Maryland: WBOC.com reported that a stray cat was found "completely drenched in diesel fuel" and another was found cut open from "hip to hip." The cats were taken to a veterinarian, who recommended euthanasia for the animal doused in fuel because the cat was suffering, had been blinded, couldn't walk, and was showing evidence of severe neurological damage. The other cat was put on life support. There were no suspects in the case, and a reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator.

October 2013/Houston, Texas: FOX-26 reported that a \$5,000 reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who set a homeless cat on fire, resulting in severe burns on the back, head, and ears. The cat was in stable condition and "facing a lengthy rehabilitation." There were no suspects in the case.

October 2013/Bath Township, Ohio: The Fairlawn-Bath edition of Patch.com reported that a woman called police to report that while her cat was left outdoors without supervision overnight, someone had shot the animal with a pellet gun. The cat survived, and no suspects were identified.

October 2013/Taunton, Massachusetts: The Taunton Daily Gazette reported that a cat who was allowed outside without supervision returned home terrified and unable to place weight on one of her front paws. X-rays revealed that she had been shot with a pellet gun and the pellet remained lodged behind her shoulder blade. The cat's leg bone was reportedly completely shattered. Surgery to remove the pellet was successful, and the cat now has two metal pins and a metal plate in her leg. A reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest of the shooter.

September 2013/Ithaca, New York: WBNC-12 reported that a 22-year-old homeless man was charged with three felony counts of aggravated cruelty to animals after an investigation in which he was implicated. The investigation was undertaken after three cats were found dead with ropes around their necks.

September 2013/Palm Desert, California: Local NBC affiliate KMIR-6 reported that two members of a local "rescue group" found a cat who had been shot at the site where the two feed feral cats. Three cats from the colony were found dead and mutilated at the feeding area. One of the cats had been lying there for at least two days, according to someone who works nearby. The station reported, "This area in Palm Desert is known for its feral cats, so for the employees nearby, it's not unusual to see dead cats lying around." No suspects were identified.

September 2013/Archbald, Pennsylvania: WNEP-16 reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot with a BB gun. The animal survived surgery to have the BB removed. Police were investigating.

September 2013/Climax, Michigan: The Detroit News reported that from March to September, at least five cats who were outdoors without supervision were beaten, tortured, and/or killed in the small village of Climax. WIN-98.5 reported later that dead and injured cats had been discovered over a few weeks and that one of the cats was skinned after being killed. A group of pre-teens had been identified as the culprits, and a court case was being prepared.

September 2013/Lancaster, Pennsylvania: FOX-43 reported that a stray cat was shot with a hunting arrow, skewering his body but missing vital organs. The treating veterinarian believed that the cat had wandered outdoors for at least a day with the arrow stuck in his body. The arrow was successfully removed, and the cat survived. A reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator.

September 2013/Watsonville, California: The Santa Cruz Sentinel reported that law-enforcement officials were looking for a group of boys who were seen using a shoelace to hang a young stray cat from a tree. An eyewitness scared the group away and rescued the cat, who was uninjured and taken to an open-admission animal shelter.

September 2013/Alton, Illinois: The Telegraph reported that after a violent altercation with his girlfriend, a man used a metal bed frame to bludgeon to death a stray cat who had been hanging around outside the home and being fed by residents. He left the cat's body in the home for his girlfriend to discover. Among other charges, he's facing a felony charge of aggravated cruelty to animals.

September 2013/Hermitage, Pennsylvania: The Herald reported that a cat who was "occasionally" fed by two neighborhood women was found lying spray-painted orange and extremely ill in the driveway of one of the women. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital but didn't survive the night. No suspects were identified.

September 2013/Whitestown, New York: The Observer-Dispatch reported that in early July, a kitten in a bag was thrown into a swampy area of a park. His front paws were bound with tape, and one of his rear paws was severely burned. After several thousand dollars in medical bills, the kitten survived. In an incident later that month, a boy was found in the women's bathroom at the park with a lighter and two kittens in a box, one bound with tape. The boy was arrested and charged with misdemeanor torture of an animal. Both kittens survived, and police do not believe that the incidents are related.

September 2013/Walton County, Florida: The Walton Sun reported that after "an extensive and thorough investigation," the Walton County Sheriff's Office determined that charges were not warranted against a homeowner who fatally shot a feral cat. The investigation revealed that over approximately four years, area homeowners had repeatedly asked the "caretaker" of a feral cat colony in the neighborhood to stop practicing his hobby in the area because the cats were considered a nuisance and had caused costly damage to properties. After repeated failed attempts to resolve the situation humanely, the property owner took matters into his own hands, fatally shooting the cat. After the shooting, other cats in the colony were captured and housed at a veterinary hospital, pending the location of a "sanctuary" for them.

September 2013/Deerfield Beach, Florida: The Sun Sentinel reported that while attempting to rescue a stray cat who was running across a busy roadway, a man was hit by a car, which then hit another vehicle. The cat and driver of one of the vehicles died, and the original rescuer was in critical condition.

September 2013/Washougal, Washington: *The Oregonian* reported that three or four teenagers in an SUV were seen speeding up and driving onto a curb in order to hit a cat left outdoors with no supervision. The vehicle was then seen turning around twice to drive by, allowing the teens to watch as the cat lay dying in a yard. The animal apparently did die, and police were looking for suspects.

September 2013/Panama City Beach, Florida: *The News Herald* reported that the local sheriff's department charged a man with cruelty to animals in response to allegations that he cage-trapped cats, terrified them by banging on the cage with a piece of wood, and violently sprayed them with a high-velocity hose.

September 2013/Seattle, Washington: CapitolHillSeattle.com printed a letter to the editor by a citizen who witnessed a cat hit by a car. The car didn't stop, but the driver apparently looked in the rear-view mirror and was aware of the incident. The cat died, and there was no report of an investigation.

September 2013/Sunbury, Ohio: NBC4i.com reported that a woman came home to find her unsupervised cat lying next to her driveway, badly injured. She thought that the cat had been hit by a car, but a veterinary examination revealed that the animal had been shot with a pellet gun, damaging a vertebra. The injuries were so serious that the veterinarian euthanized the cat.

September 2013/Clifton Park, New York: Fox 23 reported that a Clifton Park man was so frustrated that "no one was listening to his complaints" about a neighbor whose cats were allowed to defecate on his lawn that he placed poison-laced tuna in the area. It's unknown if any cats were sickened or killed by the poison, but another neighbor's dog, who found and ate the poisoned tuna, needed emergency medical treatment. The dog survived, and the man was charged with a misdemeanor.

September 2013/Waterville, New York: News Channel 2 reported that police were looking for the person who shot a stray cat through the midsection with a 27-inch arrow. The cat managed to crawl into the hallway of an apartment building, where he was found by a Good Samaritan who took him to a veterinary hospital. A veterinarian was able to remove the arrow, reporting that it took "two hours to repair four holes, and lacerations through his liver and spleen." The cat survived and was adopted by an employee at the hospital.

September 2013/Freeport, Florida: *The Walton Sun* reported that two people looking for a missing feral cat they called "Momma Cat" heard a gunshot that led them to a man with a gun who shot the cat a second time. She was reportedly bleeding badly from a shot to the stomach, and her legs were still moving when the feeder caught up to her. The man who shot the cat "reportedly told [the

feeder] that a cat had been spraying and throwing up on his truck as well as using his yard as a litter box.” Because the shooting occurred on the man’s property, the sheriff’s department determined that it didn’t constitute a criminal act under local law. A town meeting later revealed that many people were frustrated with roaming homeless cats and “understand” the shooter’s exasperation.

September 2013/Naugatuck, Connecticut: NBC Connecticut reported that police have no suspects in a case in which a cat allowed outdoors without supervision was found bleeding with two BBs embedded between the eyes. The cat is recovering indoors.

September 2013/Oakdale, California: ABC News 10 reported that police found a dead, mutilated cat in the vehicle of a man who was pulled over on suspicion of drunken driving. The driver reportedly told police that he saw the cat on the side of the road and wanted to pet him or her. When he tried to pet the cat, the animal reportedly scratched him. He said that he became angry and began “punching, kicking, and stomping on the cat,” before breaking the animal’s neck. He was booked into the county jail on, among other charges, cruelty to animals.

August 2013/Eau Claire, Wisconsin: WEAU.com reported that a family’s cat who was allowed outside without supervision was killed in her own backyard by two roaming dogs. After killing the cat, the dogs were seen “panting and frothing” over her body. Responding police officers removed the dogs from the yard.

August 2013/Fairhaven, Massachusetts: SouthCoastToday.com reported that at least four cats allowed outside unsupervised had been killed in three weeks in one neighborhood. The deaths were suspected to be the result of attacks by native predators.

August 2013/Harrisburg, Oregon: KVAL-TV reported that one cat survived being shot with a BB gun and six others had suddenly vanished on one cul-de-sac in the community. One neighbor told a reporter that it “tickles” him that the cats were gone because of the damage that they cause to his property but denied harming the animals. The case was under investigation.

August 2013/Corpus Christi, Texas: KRIS-TV reported that seven rabbits and two cats allowed outdoors without supervision were found dead and “laid neatly in the grass” in one neighborhood, most on the same night. The rabbits were reportedly strangled to death and lined up near the outdoor hutch to which they had been confined. On the same day, a cat was found dead not far from the rabbits. The cat’s guardian reported finding another feline companion dead about a month earlier laid out in the same way. A suspect had not been identified.

August 2013/East Chicago, Indiana: WGN-TV reported that a teen was charged with cruelty to animals after confessing to shooting to death three homeless kittens in the alley behind his home with a compound bow and arrow, then posting photos of himself with the corpses on Facebook. One kitten was speared through the head, and another was disemboweled.

August 2013/Houston, Texas: KTRK-TV reported that two cats allowed outside without supervision were attacked by a pack of dogs. Surveillance footage shows that one of the cats was chased up a tree. The other was reportedly mauled for two and a half minutes by the six dogs and eventually died from his injuries.

August 2013/Lampasas, Texas: The *Killeen Daily Herald* reported that a local homeless cat was shot with a bow and arrow. A veterinarian was able to anesthetize him and remove the arrow without further injury, and he was recovering. A woman who fed the cat outside since the previous fall adopted him and took him indoors for his safety.

August 2013/St. Louis, Missouri: KSDK.com reported that a homeless kitten who was being fed by a woman was found dead on the sidewalk in front of the feeder’s residence, lying in a pool of blood. A rock that was found near the animal’s body was suspected of being the murder weapon. A veterinary examination determined that the cause of the kitten’s death was a head injury. The death was under investigation, and no suspect was identified.

August 2013/Barlow, Ohio: The *Parkersburg News and Sentinel* reported that a local man was arrested and charged with cruelty to animals after violently killing a homeless cat he’d taken into his home a few weeks earlier. The man reportedly said that the cat was “tearing up” his home and that the local animal shelter was “overcrowded and would have put [the cat] down anyway,” so he broke the cat’s neck, beat him or her, and then shot the animal in the head.

August 2013/Townsend, Montana: KRTV.com reported that a cat allowed outdoors without supervision was shot in the head with an arrow, which went in through his ear and out through the back of his neck. He was heard screaming in pain before running off. He returned home later that night without the arrow, but holes remained behind his ear and in the back of his neck. He received veterinary treatment and survived the attack.

July 2013/Norwalk, Ohio: The *Norwalk Reflector* reported that a cat was hit by a car and sustained a broken spine. Some of the animal's organs were also protruding from the body. The police were called and shot the animal to end his or her suffering.

July 2013/Buchanan, Michigan: WNDU.com reported that a man angry that his neighbor's animal companions were on his property was accused of shooting a cat and leaving the animal in his front yard. After hearing a gunshot, the cat's owner found the cat alive but badly suffering. The animal died shortly afterward, and state and county police were reportedly investigating the incident.

July 2013/Palm Coast, Florida: News4Jax.com reported that a cat named Maddy, who was allowed to roam outside without supervision, was "shot point-blank in the head" outside her home in a gated community. An officer with the Flagler Humane Society reported that the cat was "shot with a copper BB gun at close range on the top of her head." The BB reportedly exited through her jaw. Maddy was found at a neighbor's house critically wounded and later died. A suspect hadn't been found.

July 2013/Woodland, California: The *Daily Democrat* reported that multiple cats had been poisoned in one apartment complex. An animal control sergeant recovered a poisoned cat from the complex and reported that the poison used was antifreeze. One resident said that at least five cats with similar symptoms had died in just one week. Another resident reported that five kittens "disappeared" overnight and that five other kittens were found dead and "stacked next to a dumpster." No suspects were identified.

July 2013/North Bergen, New Jersey: The HudsonReporter.com reported that a North Bergen resident repeatedly saw a cat roaming with a rope around his neck that was attached to a bag. Inside the bag was a weight, which caused the rope to tighten like a noose whenever the animal moved. The cat was so frightened that he would run away despite the pain. After feeding the cat for a couple of days, the woman was able to examine him. She described his neck: "Both sides of his neck were opened. It was like chopped meat. ... It was terrible." The cat was taken to a local veterinary hospital, where he received "at least 20" stitches on each side of his neck. After the cat recovered, the woman reported that she "contacted more than 20 animal rescue groups in three states in her quest to place the animal," but none would help. During treatment, the cat tested positive for feline AIDS. He was still looking for a home.

July 2013/Timberlake, Ohio: *The News-Herald* reported that an investigation was closed after it failed to identify a suspect or turn up sufficient evidence in relation to the deaths or disappearance of several cats. It was reported that in a Timberlake neighborhood, "one cat is missing, one [was] possibly poisoned, one [was] injured by a pellet gun and one [was found] dead in the road." At a Village Council meeting, police told residents that "if people aren't happy with pets being on their property they should notify the police" rather than taking matters into their own hands.

July 2013/Oregon City, Oregon: KOMONews.com reported that police suspect that a cat found impaled on a spike of a wrought-iron cemetery fence was first beaten and had his or her throat slit. The cat was found dead.

July 2013/Memphis, Tennessee: News Channel 3 reported that several cats had been found dead in a Memphis neighborhood. At least four cats were found dead in one day, apparently killed by roaming dogs. One of the cats was found covered with saliva, and a witness reported that a kitten had been killed by other dogs on the same day. She had seen dogs attacking cats in the neighborhood before these incidents.

July 2013/Safety Harbor, Florida: The Safety Harbor edition of Patch reported that residents witnessed two loose dogs kill a cat who was outdoors unsupervised. One witness described the attack: "The cat was clinging to the top of the fence and the dogs were just jumping up at it, growling and barking and acting crazy." The dogs finally reached the cat and dragged him or her off the fence. "They ripped the cat apart and left [him or her] in the front yard," he said. The dogs were captured and taken to the county animal shelter, and their owner was identified.

July 2013/Port Orchard, Washington: The Kitsap Sun reported that two neighborhood cats had been found dismembered in front of the homes where they lived. Both cats were allowed to roam outside without supervision. One did not return home on July 7. Two days later, his or her severed head was found in front of his or her home. The other had reportedly been missing for six weeks before the cat's severed legs were found in front of his or her home. According to the report, there were no suspects in the incidents.

July 2013/Bay Village, Ohio: Fox 8 Cleveland reported that an unknown suspect had shot two cats who were outdoors unsupervised with a pellet gun. Both cats were seriously injured but survived. Police had no suspects in the case.

July 2013/Arlington Heights, Massachusetts: The Arlington edition of the Patch reported that during a walk with his or her guardian, a dog found a cat in some bushes. A fight between the two animals ensued. The dog's guardian tried to separate the two, but the cat died at the scene. The cat was wearing a collar with identification and had evidently been allowed to roam freely outdoors with no supervision.

July 2013/Meadowlakes, Texas: *The River Cities Daily Tribune* reported that in a three-block area in the middle of the city, two cats were injured and one died after being shot with a pellet gun by an unknown assailant. One cat was missing for two days before being found injured on a neighbor's roof.

July 2013/Crown Point, Indiana: The Northwest Indiana Gazette reported that a man was attacked while trying to stop two dogs from mauling his cat. Police were called for assistance and shot both dogs after nonlethal efforts failed to stop the attack. It is not known if the cat survived.

July 2013/Gulfport, Mississippi: Bay News 9 reported that after being missing for two days, a free-roaming cat named Bear was heard screaming in a house that was being fumigated. Company workers were called and searched the house but found no sign of the cat. As the fumigation continued, a neighbor again heard crying, lifted a tarp, and Bear ran out. He died "a short time later."

July 2013/Kelso, Washington: *The Daily News* reported that after being missing for about a week, a cat adopted from the local humane society and allowed to roam outside was found dead, wrapped in duct tape and sealed in a backpack. Leads in the case had reportedly "dried up."

July 2013/Santa Rosa, California: *The Press Democrat* reported that a cat named Adam, who was set on fire and barely survived in 2007, was hit and killed by a car. Adam was trapped as a feral kitten by women apparently feeding a colony of unsocialized cats. Left unattended, the box trap with Adam inside was later found in a burning garbage can. Adam had survived seven surgeries, lost his ears and tail, had permanent damage to his left rear leg and hind end, and sustained permanent internal and external injuries because of the blaze.

June 2013/Indianapolis, Indiana: WISHTV.com reported that cats were being poisoned in a colony apparently being maintained by a group practicing trap-neuter-release. A spokesperson for the group said, "If you do have a pet, don't let them out right now in that neighborhood because obviously somebody is putting poison out." The surviving cats in the colony were not removed.

June 2013/Codorus Township, Pennsylvania: *The York Dispatch* reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors without supervision was shot and killed.

June 2013/East Nottingham, Pennsylvania: The *Daily Times* reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised was found shot to death near the animal's home.

June 2013/Davidsonville, Maryland: CBS Baltimore reported that a stray cat nearly died after being "pierced with a two-foot-long arrow from a crossbow." The cat reportedly roamed with the arrow in her shoulder for two days before she could be captured.

June 2013/Bay Village, Ohio: According to WKYC.com, a cat allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised was shot twice with a pellet gun. A veterinary examination confirmed the shooting.

June 2013/Lakeside, Ohio: WTVG-TV reported that at least two feral cats were found dead from poisoning in the community. The cats' feeder reported that cats have gone missing or been found dead in the area in recent months.

June 2013/Hillsboro, Ohio: *The Times-Gazette* reported that local police and animal shelter officials were searching for a roaming cat running through a neighborhood with an arrow completely piercing his or her body. The animal had been injured for approximately four days when news reports were released and still hadn't been found.

June 2013/Ashville, Ohio: WBNS-TV reported that cats were being mutilated, shot, and killed in a mobile home park where homeless cats are considered a nuisance by some residents. One resident said, "I've seen kids run after them on bicycles and cars run off the side of the road trying to hit them." He has also seen other "cats sick, injured and even mutilated." When WBNS-TV visited, the local humane society's animal shelter was closed and a sign was posted: "We are under no circumstances taking any cats or kittens at this time. Our shelter is full."

June 2013/Columbus, Ohio: WSYX-TV reported that witnesses at an apartment complex called police after they saw “at least a dozen children between the ages of 4 and 13 stomp on a kitten.” Some kids were reportedly “wielding sticks and poked the animal, then used a squirt gun filled with milk to try to drown” him or her. The kitten was homeless and so badly injured that the animal had to be euthanized.

June 2013/Harris, Minnesota: The *StarTribune* reported that a case of cruelty to animals would be heard in district court against a man who shot his neighbor’s roaming cat with a shotgun. The cat was alive and suffering from severe wounds when law-enforcement officials arrived and shot the animal to end the pain. The man who shot the cat told the responding deputy that he did so because “the cat had been on his property many times and had killed one of his chickens.”

June 2013/San Antonio, Texas: A cat left to roam outdoors was found dead, gutted, mutilated, and hanging from a tree. KSAT.com reported that the cat’s tail had been cut off and the animal was hung by a jump rope about 10 feet off the ground in a neighbor’s yard. The neighbor was out of town, and the cat’s owner smelled “a stench coming from the backyard,” which led him to the cat’s body.

June 2013/Queens, New York: The *TimesLedger* reported that an Ozone Park man was convicted of aggravated cruelty to animals stemming from an incident in which he beat a stray cat to death “with a metal lug wrench and kicked the animal against a cement wall.”

June 2013/McCracken County, Kentucky: WPTV.com reported that three teenagers were arrested and charged with cruelty to animals after killing two cats and posting “before” and “after” photos on a social-media site. An 11-pound rock was the suspected weapon used to bludgeon the animals to death.

June 2013/Grifton, North Carolina: WITN.com reported that a cat roaming a neighborhood was found under a car in “grave condition” after being “shot with an arrow which went completely through [the animal’s] back.” Because of the insects on the cat’s wounds, the police chief thought that the animal was shot several days before being found. The cat was mercifully euthanized.

June 2013/Fort Myers, Florida: NBC-2.com reported that a stray cat had been shot with a .22-caliber bullet. The county’s animal services department said that this was the second cat shooting that it had investigated in less than two months.

June 2013/Fort Myers, Florida: WFTX-TV reported that two cats allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised had disappeared. Neighborhood rumors suggested that poison was being placed throughout the community.

June 2013/Vancouver, Washington: KOMO-TV reported that the bodies of two mutilated cats had been found. Residents discovered a cleanly decapitated cat and the hind end of another cat displayed out in the open.

June 2013/Hillsborough Township, New Jersey: The *Hillsborough Patch* reported that residents insisting on feeding, trapping, neutering, and returning homeless cats to an apartment complex where the animals were not welcome began finding dead cats and noting the disappearance of others. A witness said, “I found this bag of poison. And now another cat is missing. The lady upstairs saw a dead cat too!”

June 2013/Anniston, Alabama: *The Anniston Star* reported that a local veterinary hospital treated a cat who was brought in with a 19.75-inch Easton Carbon Power C2 Bolt arrow lodged in his shoulder. Two cats with similar injuries had been treated the week before. Also in June, the veterinary hospital treated a cat with a gunshot wound and another who’d been shot in the head with an arrow.

June 2013/Tucson, Arizona: KVOA-TV reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors died after being shot off a fence with a pellet gun.

May 2013/Northbridge, Massachusetts: Telegram.com reported that a resident found a stray cat on his property who was suffering from a badly infected and “mangled” leg after being shot. The leg had to be amputated because of the severity of the injuries. The man adopted the cat, but the shooter hadn’t yet been caught at the time of the report.

May 2013/Andover, Massachusetts: The *Andover Patch* reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised was found dead alongside a road. It was suspected that he had been hit and killed by a car.

May 2013/Sandwich, Massachusetts: CapeCodToday.com reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised was found outside his home paralyzed from the waist down after being shot. His injuries were so severe that he had to be euthanized.

May 2013/Modesto, California: *The Modesto Bee* reported that as many as 37 stray and feral cats were believed to have been poisoned in the area. One cat feeder said that her husband had “buried nine [cats] between the first and third (of May).” Another said that the animals died in a manner consistent with strychnine poisoning: “[A]ll died with claws extended and their mouths open.”

May 2013/Claremore, Oklahoma: The *Tulsa World* reported that a man was arrested on cruelty-to-animals and illegal-firearms charges after admitting that he had shot his neighbor’s roaming cat from his window. The animal apparently died from his or her injuries.

May 2013/York, Pennsylvania: The *York Daily Record* reported that a cat left to roam outdoors was found dead with an arrow through his or her body in the bushes near the animal’s home.

May 2013/Boerne, Texas: A cat allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised sustained a punctured lung and a broken leg after being shot with a crossbow and an arrow. The cat’s owner told KSL.com that the neighbor who shot the cat said that “there was no collar on him and he was in my plants.”

May 2013/Bastrop, Texas: KHOU-TV reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised was found dead from internal injuries under a bridge. A neighbor is suspected of having thrown the cat off the bridge and is facing cruelty-to-animals charges. He had been trapping homeless cats who were trespassing in his garden and told police that he had forgotten that he had trapped the neighbor’s cat, leaving the animal in the trap in the back of his truck for three days before finally taking him to the police station. When he was told that an animal control officer would return the cat to his owner, the man took the cat and left. That same day, the cat was found dead.

May 2013/Mansfield, Ohio: The MansfieldNewsJournal.com reported that three or four men allegedly chased cats out from under parked cars toward two pit bulls, who caught and killed the animals. According to the police report, one of the men recorded the attack on a cell phone. Officers found a dead cat on the sidewalk but couldn’t locate the men.

May 2013/Los Alamos, New Mexico: A cat allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised was shot with an arrow by an angry neighbor. KRQE.com reported that the animal died during surgery.

May 2013/Summerfield, Florida: Ocala.com reported that a man was arrested on cruelty-to-animals charges after allegedly shooting to death a cat who was roaming outdoors unsupervised. The animal was found dead inside a metal trap in a wooded area.

May 2013/Rushville, Indiana: TheIndyChannel.com reported that a female cat was found lying outside skewered by a Beman 340 ICS Bowhunter arrow and barely breathing. She reportedly nearly died during emergency surgery to remove the arrow but subsequently had been doing better. The attending veterinarian said that her chest X-rays showed “bruising on a couple of lung [lobes], but otherwise, she’s not been in any respiratory distress.”

May 2013/Detroit, Michigan: WDIV-TV reported that 14 animals, including an apparent “barn cat,” were stabbed to death at a school that kept animals as part of a farming program. Another cat was injured but ran away.

May 2013/Cass Lake, Minnesota: ValleyNewsLive.com reported that a warrant had been issued based on a complaint alleging that a neighbor put a bowl of meat scraps in his yard laced with antifreeze. He reportedly “didn’t want the neighbor’s dogs and cats in his yard.” Police found at least six dead animals in the area.

May 2013/Yonkers, New York: According to CBS New York, radio station WCBS reported that three homeless “neighborhood cats” had died suspiciously and two others also died after being “found disoriented and unable to stand.” Soon afterward, 10 more cats disappeared. Poisoning was suspected.

April 2013/Alloway Township, New Jersey: The *South Jersey Times* reported that a cat allowed to roam outside without supervision was found with an Excalibur 16-inch crossbow bolt arrow skewering her neck and shoulder. The injured cat was found on the outside of her owner’s fence, unable to crawl home. A veterinary hospital removed the arrow and stabilized the cat, who was released to recover at home.

April 2013/Lehigh Acres, Florida: WZVN-TV reported that a feral cat being fed by “caretakers” was found paralyzed, “dragging her back legs and tail” after being shot by a pellet gun. The pellet lodged near her spine. She was so badly injured that she had to be euthanized.

April 2013/DeLand, Florida: CFNews.com reported that two homeless dogs killed seven cats and seven ducks before being captured by Volusia County police and animal control officers. An eyewitness to one of the attacks said, “I was watching them attack the cat, one on each side, picking him up, throwing him up in the air. And eventually the cat expired.”

April 2013/Provo, Utah: According to ABC4.com, a woman searching for her missing cat found the animal dead with several others on private railroad land. The animals were burned and mutilated and found in a secluded area inaccessible by roads. “Their paws were bound together with some tape and there was still rope around their neck where they’d been strangulated,” a police lieutenant said. “Somebody had laid their bodies over the railroad tracks and had the train actually decapitate them.” Police thought that traps were used to catch the animals. Four tortured cats had been found in March, and two more were discovered later. Police said that some “were more decomposed than others.”

April 2013/Brooklyn, New York: A father and son were sentenced to 30 days in jail and five years of probation, with a lifetime ban on owning any animals, in a plea deal resulting from cruelty-to-animals charges. In July 2012, the two men viciously beat an outdoor cat to death with a broom handle and a pillowcase containing a heavy object. Law-enforcement officers investigating the case “found a broken stick in the attic [of the defendant’s home] along with cat fibers and blood. Investigators also found a partial cat claw, a tuft of cat hair and cat feces,” according to *The New York Times’* City Room. The son reportedly told investigators that “his mother would feed the cat after [he] showed up on the steps of their home a little more than year before the attack.”

April 2013/Auburn, New York: *The Citizen* reported that a cat allowed to roam outdoors was shot and paralyzed in front of his home. The cat had to be euthanized because of the extent of his injuries. There are no suspects in the case.

March 2013/Woodland, California: A cat left outside was paralyzed after being shot with a pellet gun by an unknown assailant. Despite medical treatment, the cat died—unassisted—as a result of her injuries at her guardians’ home.

March 2013/Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: NBC33 reported that a cat “suffered a burn to his side, a damaged ear, and lost three toes” after being cut up in a car engine when the car was started and then driven 15 miles with the cat accidentally trapped inside.

February 2013/Albuquerque, New Mexico: A cat lost part of her foot after she was caught in a steel-jaw trap that law-enforcement officials believe was purposefully set in a neighborhood. KOAT Channel 7 reported that “[i]nvestigators believe the kitten dragged the trap around, and somehow ended up in someone’s back yard. That person called animal welfare.” Animal welfare officer Sharen Westoff described the injuries: “It had actually removed the skin and exposed the bone on ... two toes.”

December 2012/Lawrence, Massachusetts: Over the course of a few weeks, nine cats were found dead in Lawrence (see November 2012). According to a news report, veterinarians “believe the cats may have been swung by their tails and thrown onto a hard surface.”

November 2012/Navarre, Florida: A feral cat, who was found with an arrow through one shoulder, died a day after undergoing surgery.

November 2012/Lower Franklin Township, Pennsylvania: A cat allowed to roam outdoors had to be euthanized after being shot with a pellet gun by an unknown attacker.

November 2012/Orange City, Florida: A cat ran off after being shot with a pellet gun in his or her yard. Two days later, the animal was found in a storm drain, dead from the injury.

November 2012/Lawrence, Massachusetts: Eight cats were found dead in a period of about two weeks. Police suspect that someone was trapping homeless cats and “smashing their skulls.”

October 2012/Las Vegas, Nevada: 8NewsNow.com reported that rewards were being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons involved in the abuse of a mother cat and six kittens. The animals were reportedly rescued by animal control officers after they received a report stating that teens were throwing rocks at the animals. Reportedly, two of the kittens were pronounced dead when they arrived at a veterinary hospital, one was partially decapitated, and another had to be euthanized because of the severity of his or her injuries. The surviving cats were receiving treatment.

October 2012/Temple, Texas: A homeless cat was shot with an arrow through her nose and shoulder. She was dehydrated and starving when she was found and rescued by a good Samaritan.

October 2012/Montevallo, Alabama: Three cats were tortured and killed on a university campus. One of the dead animals was found hanging from a flagpole with hooks through the neck and body.

October 2012/Columbus, Ohio: At least three cats were reportedly killed by being slammed against a wall at an apartment complex. The complex manager had reportedly asked a maintenance worker to remove homeless cats from the courtyard. Some apartment residents reported that blood covered a wall where the animals were apparently cruelly killed.

October 2012/Louisville, Kentucky: A kitten was reportedly tortured by a man at an abandoned hotel.

September 2012/Riverview, Florida: A stray cat was found clinging to life with an arrow through her body.

September 2012/Meshoppen, Pennsylvania: More than 20 homeless cats in a “managed” colony suddenly became ill and/or died from suspected poisoning. Two cats were euthanized at a veterinary clinic after becoming so weak that they could be captured by hand for transport to the animal hospital.

September 2012/Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Two feral cats in a colony being fed in northeast Philadelphia were shot to death with a pellet gun. The colony’s feeder said, “I think people think of cats as rodents. There’s a lot of haters who don’t understand about the animals.”

September 2012/Bartlesville, Oklahoma: Three separate cases of cruelty to cats were reported in September. Passing motorists reported that a caged cat was shot in the head and left for dead. Police found the neutered male cat alive and badly injured. He was euthanized at a veterinary hospital because of the extent of his injuries. In the second case, witnesses reported that people had thrown kittens from a moving vehicle in August. In the third incident, a witness reported “seeing three teenage boys swinging and dragging a large, white cat by a string.” According to a news report, “The cat was partially blind, and veterinarians have not been able to determine whether his blindness was due to the tightly-wrapped fishing wire around his neck or was a pre-existing condition.”

September 2012/West Columbia, Texas: A man shot his 3-year-old granddaughter in the leg when he missed the stray cat at whom he was aiming. He claimed the homeless cat had entered his home and stolen food.

September 2012/Blue Springs, Missouri: A man was arrested after hanging a cat, slamming the animal against a wall until he or she was unconscious, and then stomping the cat to death.

August 2012/Spring Hill, Florida: The father of a family that had been feeding a feral cat witnessed approximately six teenagers beat and stab the animal nearly to death before the sadists ran off. He was reportedly taken to a veterinary hospital, where he died from blunt force trauma. He had “suffered from a stab wound, broken ribs, a damaged vertebrae and internal bleeding” as well as suffocation from a badly damaged trachea crushed during the beating.

August 2012/Indian Hills, Nevada: A man was charged with cruelty to animals after admitting to shooting and dismembering a feral cat who had sought safety under his porch.

August 2012/Blackman Township, Michigan: A cat allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised was shot between the eyes with an arrow. It was surgically removed at a veterinary hospital.

August 2012/Van Buren Township, Michigan: A feral cat feeder called “The Cat Lady” in the mobile home park where she lives reported that more than two dozen cats had been killed in a period of about three weeks by being poisoned, shot, and stabbed.

August 2012/Denver, Colorado: Six decapitated and gutted cats were found over a period of approximately four weeks in yards throughout one Denver neighborhood.

August 2012/Mesa, Arizona: Three cats were found dead and “mutilated almost beyond recognition” in a Mesa neighborhood. A surveillance camera captured one of the cats as she was snatched from her property by an unknown man. A news station reported that 12 cats were unaccounted for in the neighborhood.

August 2012/Columbia, South Carolina: Cats in a Columbia neighborhood were found to have been killed and beheaded by an unknown assailant. According to a local investigator, it “was easy to see the head had been removed with a sharp cutting instrument, not ripped like an animal would have done it.”

August 2012/Minneapolis, Minnesota: A cat was found burnt and impaled by a small American flag in a neighborhood park.

August 2012/Evansville, Indiana: Two cats allowed to roam outdoors without supervision were tortured. One was shot with a BB gun, and another reportedly appeared to have been burned and bludgeoned before escaping a sadist.

August 2012/Mingo Junction, Ohio: A woman who feeds homeless cats in her neighborhood reported that “several of her cats had been abused.” One of the cats was found doused in “a petroleum-like substance.” Another was shot with a pellet or paintball gun.

July 2012/Missouri City, Texas: A man was indicted on cruelty-to-animals charges after allegedly shooting four cats from his balcony in December 2011. One of the cats was killed instantly, and two others were paralyzed and so badly injured that they required euthanasia.

July 2012/Portland, Oregon: Volunteers working with Multnomah County Animal Services on what was being called a “TNR project” set and then abandoned traps near an apartment complex. One cat was found dead in a trap by a local resident after succumbing to starvation, dehydration, and/or exposure. Another trapped cat was found earlier and released by a concerned citizen who reported that the animal appeared extremely ill. News reports state that the second cat was never found.

July 2012/San Mateo, California: A cat many described as a “neighborhood cat” who had been abandoned and left outdoors was found “bloodied and paralyzed” after being shot with a pellet gun. She will never walk again and may have to wear a diaper for the rest of her life.

July 2012/Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: A cat was killed and two others were injured by a woman who doused them with ammonia in an effort to rid the neighborhood of homeless cats.

June 2012/Ontario, Canada: A feral cat colony “caretaker” was unaware that a cat she had been feeding had been shot with a BB gun, leaving BBs in her body. The animal was reportedly spayed and reabandoned on the streets.

June 2012/Baldwin Township, Pennsylvania: A frustrated property owner urged the township’s Board of Commissioners to allow people to shoot homeless and stray cats. During a township meeting, he claimed that he had already killed two cats on his property by kicking them into his pool.

June 2012/Fort Wayne, Indiana: A kitten was found with burns to her face and the pads of her feet. A rubber band had reportedly been used to attach fireworks to her tail.

May 2012/New Baden, Illinois: KTVI Television reported that family members looking for their kitten, who had gotten outside, found the animal “in a trash can at the park; the kitten’s neck broken; blood and foam coming from [her] mouth.” Children at the park reported that “[t]he cat was thrown towards [a teenager by another teenager] and he used [a] skateboard as a baseball bat and swung at her and that’s what killed her.”

May 2012/Sacramento, California: A stray cat was so badly burned that euthanasia was recommended after the animal was “doused with an accelerant and then lit on fire,” according to a news report. Witnesses called the police after seeing what they described as “a ball of fire” moving through a park.

May 2012/Ronkonkoma, New York: A feral cat colony “caretaker” found eight kittens dead from “massive skull trauma” and blunt force trauma to their bodies, which were strewn around the industrial park where they were fed.

May 2012/Medford, New York: A cat was fatally shot with an arrow, which was still protruding from the body when the animal sought safety on a citizen’s porch.

May 2012/Prairie View, Arkansas: A man was in critical condition after being shot in the face by a neighbor shooting at stray cats.

April 2012/East Whiteland, Pennsylvania: A man admitted to shooting three cats with a BB gun. One of the injured cats was found by a good Samaritan and taken to a local veterinary hospital, where the animal was euthanized because of extensive injuries and severe pain.

April 2012/Oil City, Pennsylvania: A man is under investigation after a good Samaritan followed the sounds of a crying cat and found a gravely injured orange tabby in a box trap weighed down in a 30-gallon trash can filled with water. A veterinarian found approximately 20 BBs lodged throughout the cat’s body, including in an eye.

February 2012/Corpus Christi, Texas: Homeless and stray cats were poisoned in a neighborhood in Corpus Christi. According to a local resident, "People are tired of feral cats." Poisoned cats have crawled under homes and have been decomposing around the neighborhood.

February 2012/Shady Cove, Oregon: A teen was arrested for his possible involvement in the case of a stray cat who was likely doused with an accelerant and lit on fire. The orange tabby was reportedly being fed by a family but was left outdoors unprotected.

February 2012/Fort Worth, Texas: Approximately 24 cats suddenly disappeared from a park in Fort Worth where they were being fed. The chair of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee of Fort Worth thinks they were killed. She said, "This happened to coincide with a TNR program, which is trap, neuter, release, that the city is looking into passing."

February 2012/Sutherlin, Oregon: Two dead cats were found with twine wrapped around their necks.

February 2012/Oildale, California: A man was arrested after a police investigation revealed that he likely captured stray cats and ate them. Some neighbors reported that they think they saw the man skin at least one of the animals while the cat was still alive.

January 2012/Tybee Island, Georgia: At least five cats were poisoned to death and about 12 more were missing from a colony of feral cats being fed on Tybee Island.

January 2012/Roswell, New Mexico: Three homeless cats and a roaming Chihuahua named Mimi were shot to death. Mimi was shot with a .22 caliber round, one cat was killed with a pellet gun, and two cats died after being shot with a BB gun.

January 2012/Phoenix, Arizona: A feral cat feeder, who claimed to be socializing feral kittens by keeping them in an outdoor hutch, found them and several other cats dead, likely from poisoning. A neighbor claimed that her cat, who is allowed outside to roam, was missing and that another cat had been found "severely burned" just weeks before.

January 2012/Virginia Beach, Virginia: A cat allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised reportedly had to be euthanized after being stabbed and then having bleach poured into his wounds.

November 2011/Honolulu, Hawaii: Two cats with barbed darts "embedded into their bodies" were found by the feral cat colony "caretaker" who had been feeding them. One of the animals could barely walk. The caretaker said at least four cats were injured, and more were either dead or hiding and suffering with injuries, because fewer cats have been showing up to eat.

October 2011/Tampa, Florida: Hillsborough County Animal Services was investigating at least three separate poisoning cases of homeless cats in Tampa. A man who was reportedly frustrated with homeless cats for damaging his strawberry plants was suspected of poisoning at least four of the animals, who ate from bowls filled with pellets of rat poison mixed with canned cat food and treats. In another part of town, six cats died after eating cat food soaked in radiator fluid. In the third case, frustrated neighbors reportedly used mothballs to poison cats in a colony registered with the county.

October 2011/Santa Fe, New Mexico: The bodies of more than a dozen feral cats who were being fed behind a strip mall were found strewn about the parking lot after being intentionally fed rat poison.

October 2011/East Pikeland Township, Pennsylvania: Cats throughout East Pikeland Township were shot with arrows and beaten to death. At least nine cats died from the attacks.

October 2011/Port Chester, New York: A pellet from a pellet gun was found lodged in the neck of a homeless cat who reportedly "hangs around" a Port Chester neighborhood.

October 2011/Baltimore, Maryland: A badly burned homeless cat required euthanasia after being set on fire. According to a news report, "several other stray cats could be found in the trash-strewn alley" where the cat was found on fire.

September 2011/South Bend, Indiana: According to a news report, a trap-neuter-release advocate stopped returning cats to the streets after a cat she was feeding was shot with a pellet gun and became partially paralyzed. A television news story also reported that some people in the neighborhood said that they "don't think anybody should be punished severely for shooting one of the feral cats that they say are a nuisance."

August 2011/Honolulu, Hawaii: Three feral cats were shot to death with a pellet gun, and several more were injured.

August 2011/Oregon City, Oregon: Six cats were found dead in one two-block area in the city. Veterinary examinations determined that the cats were poisoned with antifreeze, which is often mixed with cat food by angry residents and animal abusers.

July 2011/Cumberland, Maryland: Approximately 20 cats were killed with a corrosive poison that melted the paper plates that were used to set out the poison for the cats, who were part of a large “managed” colony being fed at Constitution Park.

June 2011/Lawrence, Kansas: A homeless cat was trapped and shot twice at a Lawrence residence.

June 2011/Clark County, Washington: Joyriding teenagers shot at least 100 cats before being arrested. The cats were shot with a .22 caliber rifle that belonged to one of the teens’ parents.

May 2011/Hempfield Township, Pennsylvania: The “caretaker” of a colony of feral cats reported that the animals were being poisoned and shot with BB guns, apparently by neighbors who “were tired of them being in their yard, digging up and going under their trailers.”

May 2011/Lancaster County, Nebraska: A skittish so-called “barn cat” was shot with an arrow. The barn owner said, “My husband found her, and the arrow was through her. And her intestines were out, and she was alive.”

May 2011/Wailuku, Hawaii: A band of four partiers shot and killed three feral cats with bows and arrows at Iao Valley State Park. The cats were being fed by a local woman who left them outdoors unprotected.

April 2011/Santa Cruz, California: A Santa Cruz couple came to the conclusion that cats are safer indoors after their cat, Max, came home with an arrow shot straight through his head.

April 2011/Dover, New Hampshire: A resident found a cat in her carport who was badly injured by an arrow that had been shot into the animal’s stomach. The cat had reportedly suffered horribly. The animal’s owner was found and reported that the cat had “been missing” for about four days.

March 2011/Dunnellon, Florida: Neighbors who had been feeding a stray cat assumed that he belonged to someone. But after he was shot in the chest with a bow and arrow, it was clear that he was homeless. The frightened and injured cat roamed the neighborhood with an arrow skewering his midsection for more than a week until he was able to be captured in a large dog trap (cat traps were too small to fit both cat and arrow). By the time he was admitted to a veterinary hospital, he was in critical condition.

February 2011/Afton, Tennessee: WBIR Television reported that three teens went on a shooting spree for more than six hours, resulting in the deaths of 12 cats living in a large “managed colony.”

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