



FERAL CAT FOCUS INC. COMMUNITY CAT NEWS

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**PROVIDING FERAL & FREE-ROAMING CATS WITH FUNDAMENTAL
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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Happy Birthday, Feral Cat FOCUS Inc. We are celebrating 20 Years!



And almost 40,000 feral and free roaming 'Community' cats have been Trap/Neutered/vaccinated/Returned (TNVR) from our inception in 2003.

Three volunteers, literally sitting at their kitchen tables, have made this a reality. And then all our fabulous dedicated people who embraced the mission, and who's unequal selflessness, and love for the animals with no voice, made it their voice!

Feral Cat FOCUS is now 84 members strong, each volunteer doing one single job or several different jobs. From Linen cutting, to trapping to phones to transporting to shelter making to feral cat holding and care, to administrative. We do it all with an all-volunteer group of caring individuals.



It is raining Feral Kittens



(Or in some cases snowing Kittens!)



We know everyone wants the kittens that are born to feral cats to find an inside home, sitting under a fan in the summer, or in front of a fireplace in the winter, but it isn't realistic. There just are not enough homes for them all! So, our theory at Feral Cat FOCUS is that there is NOTHING wrong with leaving the kittens with their mom, and when they get old enough alter them and they can live with their 'colony family'. Just ensure they get the fundamental services they need as 'Community Cats'. We also have two expert Councilors on our staff that can help anyone socialize feral kittens, and we have a list of rescue groups that might be able to help you place them into an adoption agency.

- Remember the only way to socialize feral kittens is to get them young enough, anything over 10 weeks requires more patience and time,
- Keep them crated, and all the rescue groups require that they can be picked up and held. Otherwise, alter them and leave them with the colony.
- TIME, PATIENCE, and remember do not start to socialize if you cannot follow through!

DOES YOUR FERAL CAT COLONY NEED A DRY or WARM WINTER SHELTER or TWO?

Feral Cat FOCUS is starting to build shelters in May and we are already receiving requests even though winter (fortunately) is many months away. Last year we built over 115 shelters for our community cats and the demand is growing every year.

Unfortunately, we have had to increase the cost to \$23.00 per shelter to try and cover the increasing cost of materials. Shelters consist of two Sterilite/Rubbermaid bins, one inside the other, with an entrance and exit. They are insulated with Styrofoam, insulation material, and straw.

If you are interested in a cat shelter, please call 716.515.8965 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will get back to you and we will reserve a shelter for you. We will have pickup available at two locations (North Towns and South Towns). Thank you for caring!

Feeding/Care instructions for Feral/Free-Roaming Cats.

- **No Ground feeding!** Food should never be thrown on the ground and scattered all over.
- Cats should only be feed once a day, working around your schedule, keeping to the same time every day, so that the cats can rely on their daily feeding. *They will adjust for your timing.*
- Food should never be left out all day.
- **NEVER** feed at night!
- Food should be placed in a dish and picked up after each feeding. **NO DISHES ARE TO BE LEFT OUT.** Always keep the feeding areas clean, and neat.
- If there is a garage, barn, shed, porch, try feeding the cats in an enclosed area, where you will not be annoying your neighbors. Again, feed only once a day. Keep areas clean.
- Water can be left out. And in Winter try using heated water bowls. A pinch of sugar in the water will help it from freezing.
- Also heated pads can be used, they only heat up when an animal sits on them. Look for them on Amazon. (Under \$30.00) Recommended/used by horse stables, and animal barns. Try to provide shelters for the cats. Go to our website www.feralcatfocus.org for feeding and warming shelters, as well as more ideas for caring for feral/free-roaming cats. Never use blankets as the fibers get wet and freeze. Straw is a great insulator.

These feeding instructions are accepted by most municipalities and the Erie County Health Department.

*Feral Cat FOCUS presents.....
Fusion Re-Imagined*



Well, this year for our 20th Anniversary we are going to be having something different and something fun without leaving your home! You can enter our 'Virtual Fundraiser' with several wonderful prizes. It will begin in May! All the information is included in our Spring Newsletter, showing several of our great gifts. Join us for the fun. Instructions enclosed!

Feral Cat FOCUS 2023 Virtual Theme Basket Auction

Feral Cat FOCUS's fundraiser for 2023 will be an exciting virtual theme basket auction! Fusion, our in-person gala, is slated for next year (2024), but we need to raise critically needed funds to help our ferals and free roaming community cats this year.

First, select one of the three ticket options below. Based upon your selection (Option #1, #2, or #3) you will be awarded a number of raffle tickets for a chance to win over **two dozen amazing prizes**. We have curated some amazing theme baskets & a variety of local gift cards as prizes for this event. The next page shows just a few of the many prizes that will be awarded to the lucky winners.

The raffle ticket winners will be **randomly** selected on **May 31, 2023** and winners will be contacted the week of June 4.

Please note that there is another option if you do not wish to participate in the raffle: We welcome donations in any amount to help the ferals and free-roaming community cats if you wish to become a "Straight-Up Supporter." Any and all support helps!

<p><u>Option #1</u> Loyal Supporter</p> <p>\$25 Donation</p> <p>5 Raffle Tickets for 5 chances to win over 2 dozen prizes!</p>	<p><u>Option #2</u> Purr-fect Supporter</p> <p>\$50 Donation</p> <p>10 Raffle Tickets for 10 chances to win over 2 dozen prizes!</p>	<p><u>Option #3</u> Making a Difference Supporter</p> <p>\$100 Donation</p> <p>25 Raffle Tickets for 25 chances to win over 2 dozen prizes!</p>	<p><u>Option #4</u> Straight Up Supporter</p> <p>Your Amount \$ _____</p> <p>I would just like to donate to help the ferals; please don't include me in raffle.</p>
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****Depending on how many times your raffle tickets are pulled, you may win more than one prize****

This Fundraiser is virtual, so you do not need to be present to win. If your name is selected in the raffle you will be contacted. If you win a gift card it will be mailed to your home, so please make sure that the below address is correct. If you win a theme basket you will need to pick up your basket at Operation Pets between 11:00 a.m and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, or Saturday, June 24

Our volunteers will fill out your raffle slips on your behalf.

You only need to mail the bottom portion of this form and your donation to: P.O.

Feral Cat FOCUS PO Box 404, East Aurora, NY 14052

*****MAIL THIS FORM BY 5/24/23*****

Name _____ Street Address _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make your check payable to Feral Cat Focus or make your donation via PayPal (Note: In comment section please write Option 1-2-3-or 4).

Feral Cat FOCUS Inc. was founded in 2003 and is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping solve Western New York's feral and free-roaming community cat over-population crisis. Your donation is 100% tax deductible. We (and the cats) thank you for your continued support!

****Please circle selected raffle option below****

Option #1 ((5 tickets) \$25 Donation

Option #2 (10 tickets) \$50 Donation

Option #3 (50 tickets) \$100 Donation

Option #4 (no tickets) Your Amount \$ _____

Feral Cat FOCUS 2023 Virtual Raffle

Over 2 dozen prizes including Theme Baskets & Gift Certificates



--Gift Certificates Include--

Panera- Tappos Restaurant-Texas Roadhouse-Poppy Seed Restaurant - Badding Brothers Nursery- Share Kitchen & Bar- Essentially Well-Oiled Gifts- Tops Markets- Ed Youngs Hardware- Russell's Steak House-Tully's & More

--Theme Basket Include--



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When we look into the eyes of a Feral Cat, we see a 'House Cat' that never had a Chance" Feral Cat FOCUS INC.



Many cats are left to fend for themselves outdoors.

Feral cats struggle throughout the year to find food, fresh water, safe shelter and to just survive.

Feral and free-roaming cats who only know outdoor life shouldn't be forgotten.

Please help us make 2023 a better year for the feral and free-roaming cats of Western New York. Saving one cat may not change the world, but it certainly will change the world for that one animal. It is only through the generosity of people like you that Feral Cat FOCUS programs can continue.

Feral Cat FOCUS is committed to humanely reducing the feral and free-roaming cat population in Western New York through the use of Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return as fully understood, accepted, and practiced in every Western New York Community.

Please mail your donation to the address below or you can make an online credit card donation at www.feralcatfocus.org.

YES, I would like to donate \$ _____ to Feral Cat FOCUS

_____ No Acknowledgement Needed

_____ I Would Like an Acknowledgement

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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Feral Cat FOCUS is a registered nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law. A copy of our latest annual report may be requested from us or from the Office of Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271(5/23)



Seeing cats in your Neighborhood?

Wanting to help them or just wanting to get the numbers down?

MAKE A PLAN BEFORE YOU TRAP,

CALL OUR Toll-Free Number

1-888-902-9717

Trapping guides and techniques can be found on our website www.feralcatfocus.org