



FERAL CAT FOCUS INC. COMMUNITY CAT NEWS

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PROVIDING FERAL & FREE-ROAMING CATS WITH FUNDAMENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Feral Cat FOCUS Inc. is now celebrating 20 Years!



On August 18, 2003, Feral Cat FOCUS Inc. altered their first Feral Cat and started a program referred to as TNVR(Trap/Neuter/Vaccinate/Return) throughout the WNY area. At the time we used the surgical suite at the SPCA serving Erie County at the old Tonawanda location on Ensminger Rd. We started with 10 cats and a team of volunteers who included Dr. Kathy Makolinski, Jill Masset, and Edie Offhaus. Sue Sellingsloh was one of our very first volunteers and she was soon joined by Rose Mooney, Liz(Sugg)Martin, Claudia Johnson, and Cheryl Lillis and her daughter Kristen, all of whom are still with Feral Cat FOCUS to this day!

What a journey it has been! We have counseled, trained, and assisted thousands of caregivers, organizations, and representatives of many groups on the care of the feral/free roaming 'Community Cats' as they are so often called. We have started programs that have resulted in saving the lives of feral cats and of born and unborn kittens. Feral Cat FOCUS is a founding member of the New York State Animal Protection Federation (NYSAPF), as well as Co-ordinating the NYSAPF- Working Feral Cat Group. Feral Cat FOCUS Inc. has set the bar very high on the work that needs to be accomplished in helping to reduce the overpopulation of the feral/free-roaming 'street cats' in Western New York.

We are now 20 years later and 80 Volunteers strong, all in support of the workings of TNVR. We have six dedicated Phone Volunteers, Trap loaners in five counties, Trappers/Transporters, Kitten socializers/counselors, Educators, 'Blue Collar Working Cats Barn Home' Placement Volunteers, and Interviewers. We have a team of Fundraising Volunteers, Financial and Volunteer Coordinators, Linen Suppliers, and Cutters, (think about it, every time a cat goes home in a trap, it has clean linen). Look at all it takes to help our feral 'Community Cats' go on to have healthier lives!

Feral Cat FOCUS subsidizes every cat that goes into Operation PETS: The Spay/ Neuter Clinic of WNY Inc., as well as assisting and seeking medical assistance for injured and sick feral cats. We provide free flea products to every feral/free-roaming cats so that every cat has at least one month of relief from the fleas.

And here we are approximately 40,000 feral cats have been TNVR'd, and that number doesn't even include all the kittens we have helped to go on to be adopted through adoption agencies and all the injured and sick feral cats that we have helped.

We thank all our past and present volunteers for all the contributions they have made along the way, as well as all of our financial supporters.

So, I now say 'Congratulations Feral Cat FOCUS Inc.' We are achieving everything we have set out to do, and with the support from the Western New York Community we will continue our work to help the 'under-dog' – the feral cats, which we so love!

Volunteers



Phone Volunteers



Trap Loaners



Kitten Socializing



Food Distribution



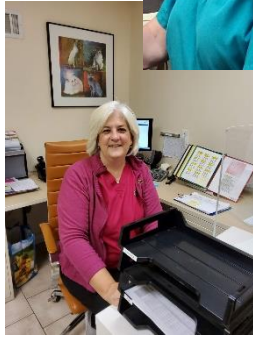
Winter Shelters



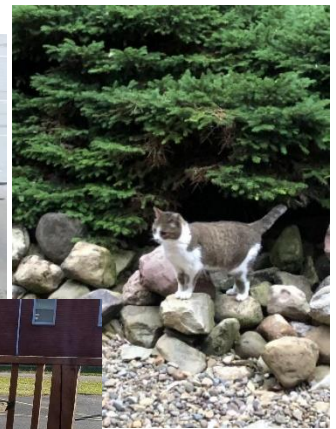
Blue Collar Working Cats



Operation Pets



Colony Photos



Fusion



*****Special Alert*****
the date has been set for
Fusion 2024



Saturday, April 13th, 2024
@ The Columns Banquets

The pictures you see here are just a few of the 80-plus volunteers and multiple programs we have, which are dedicated to promoting a better quality of life for the feral/free roaming 'Community Cats'.



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

**We had a very dear caregiver/friend pass
away recently and in Albert's passing, he
wanted his donation to have meaning.
Please help Feral Cat FOCUS celebrate 20
years and memorialize AL, with his
\$10,000.00 Matching Gift Challenge
Please donate whatever you can.**



Please mail your generous 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

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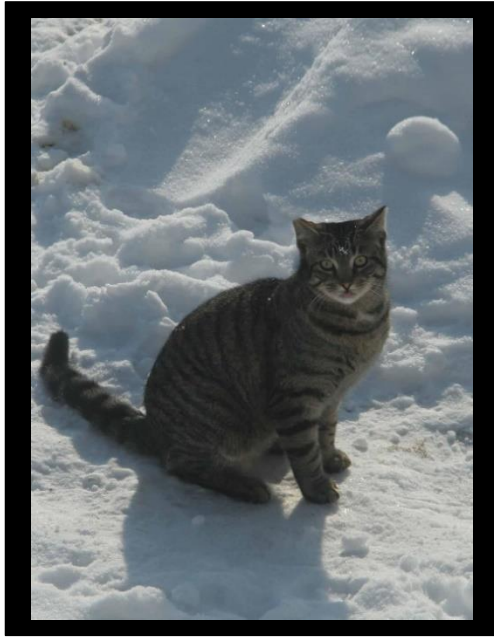
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Feral cats need your help more than ever this time of the year!

The Cold weather months deliver an extra challenge for their survival. Increase their food intake, use heated water bowls if you are able, and provide a shelter where they can get out of the elements.

Please, remember to keep it shoveled.

Feral Cat FOCUS wishes you a healthy 2024!