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ONE EXAMPLE OF A MASS TRAPPING PROJECT AND THE HARD WORK OF FERAL CAT FOCUS

Our amazing Feral Cat FOCUS volunteers are continually answering the call for help. They trap feral and free-roaming cats to provide them with spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations. This is called Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR). Unadoptable cats are returned to their outdoor homes. Young kittens and cats that can be socialized are turned over to local adoption organizations.

Sometimes there are so many feral and free-roaming cats in a relatively small area that it becomes more practical for us to do "mass trapping" (trapping an entire colony instead of only a few cats at a time). Mass trapping may sound like a simple project - it is not!

In May and June of this year Feral Cat FOCUS conducted a mass trapping project in a mobile home park south of Buffalo. Our volunteers trapped over 127 cats!! They trapped 60 adult feral cats. They trapped approximately 52 kittens young enough to be socialized. They trapped 15 unclaimed friendly adult cats. That's a lot of cats and they are still coming in!!

This mass trapping project was a LOT of hard work but our volunteers are dedicated to helping the "community cats" of Western New York.

The first step involved volunteers communicating with the area residents to inform them that Feral Cat FOCUS would be conducting Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) in their neighborhood. Our volunteers went door-to-door speaking with residents and getting their permission to trap on their property.

When we had an estimate of the number of cats involved in this project, trapping dates were scheduled. Before trapping even began we coordinated with Operation PETS Spay/Neuter Clinic of WNY to make appointments for spay/neuter surgeries for the cats. We had to have a plan in place prior to trapping for where the cats would be held for recovery following surgery for the required amount of time.

When all this was done volunteers placed humane traps around the mobile home park. They carefully identified the exact location where each trap was located. This was important so that each cat could be released back to its "territory".

Volunteers trapped cats for four days and transported cats to Operation PETS for surgery. After surgery volunteers monitored the cats' recovery for two-three days at Operation PETS. They kept the cats clean and fed them until they were ready to be returned or surrendered.

- Feral cats were spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies and distemper, and returned to their colony at the mobile home park. Their left ear was ear-tipped to identify them as TNVR cats.
- Kittens young enough to be socialized were turned over to local adoption organizations to find them new homes as companion pets.
- Unclaimed friendly adult cats were turned over to adoption organizations to find new homes.

Our thanks to Operation PETS Spay/Neuter Clinic. Also to the SPCA Serving Erie County, Community Cats Alive, Second Chance Sheltering Network, and Ten Lives Club for helping to take adoptable cats and kittens from this project off the streets and into their adoption programs.

Feral Cat FOCUS has several large TNVR projects going on. We will keep you updated on these projects in our newsletters.

SPRING MAY BE OVER **BUT WE ARE NOT OUT OF** **KITTEN SEASON JUST YET**

By Feral Cat FOCUS Volunteer
"Jill"



Here are some high-level instructions and reminders if you find kittens in your yard.

The first step is to leave the area unless they are in immediate danger. Assess the situation from a distance so the mom cat will feel comfortable returning to them. The second step, assuming you have not been feeding the mother cat, is to check with your neighbors to see if they have been feeding cats. The third step, if you are able, is to offer the mom a safe place to move her kittens to. A shelter stuffed with straw, even a cardboard box stuffed with straw with a hole cut in the side just big enough for her to come and go might encourage her to move her kittens out of bushes, a pile of firewood, etc.

If kittens are in danger—roaming dogs, coyotes seen daily, construction work, and mom has not been seen for two days -- then and only then should the kittens be removed. Mom usually does an excellent job of caring for the kittens and there is time to contact Feral Cat FOCUS to make a plan of how to move forward.

*The best food is the mom's milk!
The best emotional support is mom's care!
Human care is a poor second choice at best.*

Pregnant females give birth in locations that they think are safe, but inexperienced first-timers may have to make a hasty selection. That's how kittens end up in bushes, flower beds, window wells. Moms move their litters several times while

caring for them, situations change, kittens grow, weather changes. The important thing is to keep an eye on them and be aware of where kittens are being moved to.

The rule of thumb has always been that kittens need to eat every two hours. In truth, while the kittens are with the mom they might nurse continuously, but the mom can be gone for long stretches of time – sometimes eight hours plus. If she is out searching for food, searching for a new location, that can take time. While the mom is gone, kittens often go into a semi-comatose state, limiting energy expenditure until she returns. So, unless the kittens are screaming with hunger, are cold, or have been left for more than 24 hours, it is best not to intervene until the timing is right and you have a plan in place.

In the worst case scenario, you have nabbed the kittens and are now wondering what to do. Get them warm – heating pad, hot water bottles (fill a drinking bottle with hot water, wrap in a towel, and put wrapped bottle in box/carrier with them). Do not attempt to feed them until they are completely warmed up. Feeding before warmed up could be fatal, cannot emphasize that enough. The best food is KMR (kitten milk replacement formula) which can be purchased at pet stores. Never give cow's milk, it does not have the correct enzymes and nutrients that the kittens need and will do more harm than good.

If the kittens are moved out of your yard, but you are still feeding, mom will probably still bring them to the food station when they are approximately five weeks old. That is the critical time for bringing them in for taming and ultimate adoption. Appropriate trapping timing (at five weeks) with feral kittens is paramount to a happy ending. Five weeks is the time when they will imprint on humans most easily. As each day goes by, they become a little more feral. Once kittens reach 12 weeks, they are almost impossible to socialize. The effort to tame increases tremendously the older they get, using up resources of rescue organizations, delaying adoptions, increasing the chance that you will not be able to trap and those kittens will go on to give birth to more and the cycle will continue.

The most important thing you could do is practice Trap/Neuter/Vaccinate/Return on the cats in your neighborhood and prevent the litter of kittens in your yard. When you see stray, community and feral cats in your yard or neighborhood contact Feral Cat FOCUS so we can work together.

SOCIALIZING FERAL KITTENS



By
Feral Cat
FOCUS
Volunteer
"Cheryl"

First, you need to determine the age of the kittens to see if they can be socialized. In general, the kitten must be eight weeks of age or younger to socialize. Each week older that they are, the harder it will be to socialize them. If they are 12 weeks or older, it may be best to spay/neuter and return. If you keep you must commit several weeks or months to kitten socialization and be careful to not have the kitten too bonded to the socializer alone. Kittens weigh about a pound for each month old that they are. Their eyes are blue if they are less than six weeks old and change from blue to their adult color between six to eight weeks of age. If there is no blue left they are eight weeks or older.

HOW OLD IS THAT KITTEN?

Kitten Progression: At-a-Glance

www.alleycat.org/resources/kitten-progression

You **MUST** crate a feral kitten to socialize him. If he is loose in a large space, he will hide and you will not be able to touch him. With no human contact he will remain feral. If you are caring for multiple kittens, you may need to separate them to force them to rely on you for comfort and social needs. If you decide to socialize a kitten, you will need to invest a minimum of two to three hours a day, which includes time to feed the kitten, clean their crate, and socialize the kitten. You need the following supplies: crate, litter box, food bowls, toys, litter, wet and dry food, baby food (we recommend Gerber's chicken and gravy), food scale for weighing kitten, gloves to protect your hands from scratches and bites.

If you are unable to touch the kitten, start with the baby food. Put a small amount of food on a teaspoon or spatula. Hold the spoon near the kitten and wait for him to taste. You can also dab

a little baby food on the kitten's mouth to get him to taste. When holding the spoon, hold your fist with your thumb facing up. This makes your hand look smaller and less intimidating. Once the kitten is eating the food, slowly slide your hand closer to the bowl of the spoon so that you can stroke the kitten's face or chin with a finger while he is eating. You can progress to holding the spoon in one hand and stroking with the other. Next try rubbing his ears and the middle of his forehead before trying a full body rub.

For a kitten who already accepts human hands, begin with touching the kitten while he is still in the crate. Start with his head – rubbing his ears and the middle of his forehead before stroking him down his back. Watch for signs of over stimulation, where he tries to scratch or bite, beginning with just a minute or two of touching. When the kitten is comfortable with a few minutes of touching, pick him up and cuddle him close to your body so he feels secure. You may want to stand near the crate at first in case he gets startled and you have to return him quickly. Increase amount of time that you are able to hold him and step away from the crate. Once the kitten is comfortable with being held, try turning him over on his back, cradling him in your arm as you would a baby. Gently stroke his belly, but be careful, some kittens do not like their bellies rubbed. When they purr while being held, you know they are ready for the next step.

Now try letting your kitten loose in a small room, like your bathroom. You want a place where he cannot hide or get hurt. Sit with him so he starts coming to you. You can use food or toys as an attractant. Pick him up and put him back down so he gets used to that too. When you feel confident he will come to you, you can try a bigger room.

In addition to making your kitten comfortable around you, you need to introduce him to other people. You need to get him used to sounds he will hear in a home (TVs, people talking, running water, toilets flushing, vacuum). Toys are a helpful tool in socializing because they provide stimulation and get kitten to interact with you.

HOW TO SOCIALIZE FERAL KITTENS

FERAL CAT FOCUS

www.feralcatfocus.org/colony-management-socializing-feral-kittens

ALLEY CAT ALLIES

www.alleycat.org/community-cat-care/kitten-socialization-how-to

SUMMER WEATHER TIPS

Rising summer temperatures means special considerations for cat care. Here are some tips to keep your feral/free-roaming cats well-fed and hydrated during warmer months.

FOOD

- Don't leave food out for too long. After about 30 minutes, bugs will start to show up. Picking up uneaten food after roughly 45 minutes helps prevent that.
- Feed cats dry food in the summer—it attracts fewer insects. But if you give wet food, add water to keep it from drying out, or be sure to pick it up within 45 minutes.

WATER

- Extra water is essential in hot weather. Too much water is better than not enough.
- Water bowls should be cleaned daily.
- Place water bowls in shaded areas.
- Feeding stations keep water out of the sun, and they're easy to build!
- Drop a few ice cubes into the water bowl (if the cat doesn't mind ice).

SHELTER

- Provide easy access to shaded places, like under a deck.
- Build an outdoor cat shelter on the cheap with supplies found at any hardware store.

TRAPPING

- If you perform Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return during the summer, take the extreme heat into account.
- Do not leave cats in traps—they can get heat stroke just like people. Once the cat is trapped, keep her in the shade with a trap cover or in an air-conditioned space. Monitor cats at all times.
- Never leave cats in a car while trapping.
- Don't place traps on surfaces that get extremely hot from the sun, such as asphalt. The metal can absorb the heat and burn the cat's paws.

FEEDING STATION

One of Feral Cat FOCUS's favorite feeding stations is a Rubbermaid storage bin. It's easy to clean because of the removable top and quick to put together.

Use a box-cutter to cut out most of one of the long sides, leaving a few inches off the ground to prevent flooding.

Having difficulty cutting the plastic? Try blowing hot air from a hairdryer on the area where you plan to cut. This softens the plastic and makes it easier to cut through.



UPDATE ON "FOOD FOR FERALS" GIVEAWAY PROGRAM

Once in a while Feral Cat FOCUS is able to provide cat food to our registered feral cat TNVR colony caregivers.

We are only able to have food giveaways when we receive donated food. We have not received any food donations from our usual supplier in several months.

When we have food available, we will notify our registered caregivers. The amount of food allocated per caregiver varies depending on the quantity of food donated to us.

Colony Registration Form

www.feralcatfocus.org/colony-management-do-you-manage-a-wny-colony

ORDER YOUR FERAL CAT WINTER SHELTER



Meet Denise, an attorney who takes time out of her busy schedule to volunteer for Feral Cat FOCUS

Denise suggested the idea of putting together cat shelters that Feral Cat FOCUS can sell at cost to our caregivers. She has followed through with the idea by taking charge of making shelters and ensuring that they get distributed. Thank you, Denise, for your dedication to the lives of our feral cat communities.

The shelter is a 30 gallon Sterilite tote lined with both Styrofoam and Reflectix insulation. They are then filled with straw, never hay. Hay absorbs moisture while straw repels it. This is also why you should not place blankets or towels in the shelter either. The shelters should last multiple seasons, just replace the straw with fresh straw each year. Each shelter can fit about two average sized cats comfortably.

Shelters are \$15.00. Orders will be taken until October 2, 2017 and shelters will be ready for distribution the beginning of November.

If you would like to order a shelter, email Denise at deniseb@feralcatfocus.org. She will contact you when your shelter order is ready.

As with most jobs at Feral Cat FOCUS -- help is always needed!! If you are interested in helping Denise make shelters for every cat that needs one, email her at deniseb@feralcatfocus.org.

Feral Cat FOCUS Cat Shelters



FERAL CATS ARE AT HOME OUTSIDE BUT THEY CAN USE EXTRA HELP IN COLD WEATHER

In cold weather, shelter is actually more important for feral cats than food. Feral cats need warm, dry shelter to protect them.

Feral cats can get frostbite on their ears, nose and paws. Feral cats typically build a protective coat for winter, but the effectiveness of their fur as insulation is greatly reduced if it becomes wet or frozen and can often times result in hypothermia. They can die from exposure if some protection from the elements is not available.

Provide enough shelters for everyone. Some cats like to mingle; some cats prefer to have their own space. Cats rely on body heat to stay warm, so keep your shelters small for only a few cats. For more populated colonies, go with multiple shelters or a larger size.

For shelter tips and how to build a shelter visit www.feralcatfocus.org/colony-management-shelters

DISCOVERING TNVR WITH THE HELP OF SOME TINY KITTENS

By Feral Cat FOCUS Volunteer
"Jaclyn"



I first learned about TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return) about two years ago. I came across the website for a rescue organization in British Columbia, Canada, called "TinyKittens" (www.tinykittens.com). They rescue and foster abandoned, stray, and feral cats, including pregnant mothers and their kittens. Not only that, but they have webcams running 24 hours a day so that people can watch their cats and kittens playing, being fed, getting vet checkups, and for some, meeting their forever families. I was instantly hooked.

TinyKittens' motto is "Rescuing Locally, Educating Globally." And I certainly got educated. I started following them simply to watch cute kittens, but along the way, through on-camera announcements and posts on their Facebook page, I learned about what the organization does. They help manage several feral colonies, continually trapping cats, getting them spayed and neutered, and returning them. Pregnant mothers are fostered by TinyKittens (and shown on the webcam) until the kittens are born and become old enough to be separated from her. Then the mothers are spayed and returned to the colony - although in some cases, they have been able to socialize the mothers enough to get them adopted.

After several months, I decided I wanted to help feral cats too, so I started Googling for Western New York organizations that do TNVR. That's how I came across Feral Cat FOCUS and ended

up volunteering as a trap loaner in spring 2016. I enjoy my volunteer work and get a lot of satisfaction that I am playing a part in helping control feral cat populations.

When my beloved dog died and I needed something to cheer me up. I saw a request from Feral Cat FOCUS for foster homes. I agreed to foster a litter of kittens born to a feral mom until they could be spayed/neutered and adopted. It was a very rewarding experience, and I ended up keeping one of the kittens. I named him Chester, in part after my grandfather, and in part after Cheetos mascot Chester Cheetah (due to his orange color).

FERAL CAT FOCUS SUMMER OUTREACH IN BUFFALO

Feral Cat FOCUS volunteers have been busy with summer outreach activities in the City of Buffalo.

Sue Sellingsloh and Debbie Karcher (with the help of Stephanie Goldberg) hosted a table at the June Diversity Fair on Grant Street in Buffalo. This fair celebrates the many diverse cultures of the residents in this area. Kitty Kickers catnip toys and books were sold and many fliers were given out in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Neighborhood events are valuable for bringing the message about feral/community cat programs directly to the people. These volunteers have also been active at the Delta and Bravo Police Districts' Community Days on the West Side, the East Side and Delaware Park.

Feral Cat FOCUS has been fortunate in the past to secure grants from the City of Buffalo to help spay/neuter and vaccinate feral and free-roaming city cats. Please call us to inquire more about special grants that might be available to help Buffalo cats.



Four paws up to Sue, Debbie and Stephanie for your hard work in spreading the message about Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return and making a difference in the lives of feral & free-roaming cats in Buffalo.

NEED A LOVING COMPANION? WE HAVE A CAT FOR THAT!

Feral Cat FOCUS "adoptables" are socialized cats and kittens taken out of feral cat colonies during Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return projects or born to feral moms. All of our cats and kittens live in volunteer foster homes until they find a forever home. We hope it's yours!

Our adoptables are spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies and distemper.
An adoption fee is generally requested to help cover these costs.

Meet our adoptables below and on the next few pages (they're also on our website).

"PAPA" (TEN REASONS TO ADOPT A BLACK CAT)



1. A black cat is a great accessory to any outfit...they go with everything!
2. Black cats have a "black belt" in cuddling.
3. Black is very slimming – holding your cat will make you look extra-slimmer.
4. Save time on date night – you won't need the lint brush on your little black dress.
5. The myth that black cats are bad luck is just silly!! The amount of love they'll give will make you feel like the luckiest person alive.
6. Black cats are fun to play hide and seek with.
7. Black cats are awesome and beautiful...no home should be without one!
8. You'll never need to shop for Halloween decorations.
9. Your cat doesn't care what color YOUR hair is!
10. They make you look beyond the surface to find true love and beauty.

Papa is a youthful 3-4 year old male the color of that crushed velvet coat your mom used to wear to dinner parties. He is a companion – he loves people so much. Papa's foster Dad says "I honestly don't think I've ever felt more love from a cat. This guy sleeps by my head every night. If I let him downstairs he's by my side on the couch the whole time". Papa has so much love to give and loves to be around people more than anything. As much as Papa loves people, other cats, not so much. He is not aggressive to other cats, he just doesn't like them. His foster home has two older cats and there are almost no problems. If one gets too close to Papa he might give the other cat a swat. The older cats just learn to give him a little space. The younger cats in Papa's foster home aren't so accommodating. They want to play, chase and stalk Papa but he doesn't know it's a game and trouble ensues (it is best not to leave him alone with "adolescents").

Papa bit his foster dad the first week in his foster home while he was still confined. His foster dad was petting Papa and Papa was really enjoying it. Papa had a little issue then – maybe just nervousness in his new environment with people and noises and cats he didn't know. His foster home reports that biting is not an issue anymore. If Papa tried to nip his foster dad stopped petting him and said "no" and Papa learned fast not to do it again. One truly great thing about Papa is he is very responsive to "no".

The perfect home for Papa is someone looking for a wonderful companion and who does not have aggressive cats. Papa is available for adoption on his own, but if you have room for two, living with an older cat like Kelly would work out well for Papa. (They would make a really good pair). Papa would make an amazing companion. If think you have the perfect home for him, we'd love to hear from you. Email helen@feralcatfocus.org (include your name, phone number and cat you're interested in).



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED CAT

Today's Special: "KELLY"

- Gently used, plenty of good miles left
- Engine still purrs like new
- Standard 4-paw drive
- 100,000 purr warranty
- Just ask and we'll show you the catfax

"It takes a long time to get this sweet. You want a kitten? Aw, come on. So go check out the kittens and when you're ready for a mature relationship come back to me."

Kelly is very sweet, loves treats and loves being petted. He is a 12 year old orange tabby. When he first came to Feral Cat FOCUS he was a little nervous and all hisses and growls. After a week in his foster home "safe place" Kelly turned into a real sweetheart. He is now coming out to explore. His foster home doesn't get any bad vibes from Kelly now. He rubs against his foster dad's legs and purrs a lot. Lots of noises still make Kelly a little nervous so a quiet home that's not too chaotic will be the best for him. Kelly is good with other cats in his foster home and there doesn't seem to be any issues. Kelly likes to lounge, eat and curl up on your lap. Sure, there's always time to play, but let's be honest here — he'd rather just chill in a warm sun beam and gather his thoughts until you have time to scratch behind his ears. He deserves a cozy bed in a warm patch of sunlight. He will bring a sense of fun and joy into your home. Kelly is just looking for a place to rest his paws and relax. If think you have the perfect home for him, we'd love to hear from you. Email helen@feralcatfocus.org (include your name, phone number and cat you are interested in).

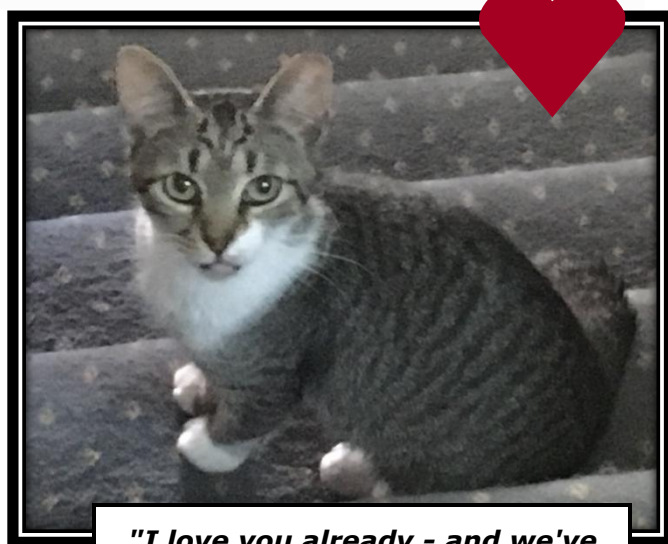
"EMMA"

3 Years – Female

Likes: Toys, playing and snuggling!

I'm a petite, outgoing lady who's looking for something purr-manent.

I need someone who wishes to be adored by a kitty!
Are you the one? Let's make it official!



"I love you already - and we've only just met through a picture."

Emma is a little beauty – a darling very friendly girl. She appears to have been in a home in the not so distant past. Emma is too nice of a lady to return to the streets. Her house manners are excellent but it's her loving attitude that makes her shine. This little lady is a genuine love bug. If you want a kitty to be your constant companion, Emma is your girl. She's not intrusive - she just likes to be near her peoples. Emma gets along well with the other kitties in her foster home and does not appear to be petrified of dogs. She did approach the small dog in her foster home but is cautious around the large dog in her foster home. Emma embodies everything a cat should be. Her foster mom says "I have never met a more perfect kitty!" This precious ball of purrs sure would like to be part of your family! If think you have the perfect home for Emma, we'd love to hear from you. Email helen@feralcatfocus.org (include your name, phone number and cat you are interested in).

It Doesn't Get Much Cuter, Folks Adopt This Kitten! (and his adorable brother!)

"HENRY AND OSCAR"

"Think of the Cute Videos We Could Make Together"



Henry (grey) and Oscar (black and white) are brothers about 10 weeks old. These two kittens had a rough start to life. They were found outside fending for themselves at only a few weeks old. They have gone from being classed as semi-feral to now simply being a little shy.

Since they were rescued their progress has been stellar. They are adapting to life indoors and are becoming more and more confident every day. Henry and Oscar are quickly learning the delights of being pampered pets. Henry loves ear rubs and playing with any string he can find. Oscar's favorite pastime is rolling around with catnip-infused toys. They have even both become friends with the adult resident cats!

This duo is so sweet together. They are extremely bonded with one another, so they need to be adopted together. Henry and Oscar are looking for a caring and compassionate home that will help build their confidence and understand they are a bit shy when meeting new

people. Though they may be shy with new humans at first, their playful personalities will shine through as they begin to feel comfortable and safe. For this reason, a home without small children would be preferable.

Are you the perfect home that will help these boys grow into the love-y, confident cats they're destined to be. If think you are we'd love to hear from you. Please email helen@feralcatfocus.org (include your name, phone number and cat you are interested in).

"THOR"

A LIFE CHANGED IN AN INSTANT WITH ONE SMALL DECISION

Thor was found at an abandoned property by caring volunteers while they were humanely trapping feral cats for TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return). Thor was an abandoned frightened stray cat alone on the streets. He was trying to survive in an environment he was not prepared for as a socialized cat. He was unneutered, hungry and in real need of human intervention. Thor was very friendly and let the volunteers pick him up so they made the decision to not to leave him behind. They packed Thor up in their car and off he went to Operation PETS Spay Neuter Clinic where he received the care he needed. He was fed, neutered, vaccinated for distemper and rabies, de-wormed and treated for fleas.

Thor wanted to be a family pet - not a street cat. Feral Cat FOCUS did not want to put him back out on the streets. Our friends at Second Chance Sheltering Network welcomed Thor into their foster care and adoption program. He was adopted by a wonderful family (Thor's "superheroes"). Thor is pictured above with his new family on adoption day.



ARE YOU MISSING A CAKE PLATE?

Did you leave your cake plate at our
FUSION fundraiser last April?

Please let us know.

Email info@feralcatfocus.org



YARD SALE & BAKE SALE

The Feral Cat FOCUS Yard Sale & Bake Sale Fundraiser held on July 27-29 was a success. Thank you to everyone who donated items or stopped by to shop or made a monetary donation. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. And thanks to our hard working volunteers for dragging stuff in and out, washing and marking, hauling and baking. You are to be commended!



I'VE NOTICED SOME RODENTS AROUND HERE, AND I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO TAKE CARE OF THAT PROBLEM



BARN & BLUE COLLAR WORKING CATS CAN HELP

They're strictly business. And their business is solving your rodent problem.

The Feral Cat FOCUS Barn Cat/Working Cat Program (aka our "Blue Collar Cats") offers an environmentally-safe alternative to poisonous pest controls. It is a mutual companionship program where an individual with a barn or other appropriate shelter can provide a safe home to a cat while receiving the benefit of an animal to monitor the rodent population. The cats are healthy, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and ear-tipped for identification as a TNVR cat. We can place cats in barns, greenhouses, plant nurseries, horse barns, stables, warehouses, or any business looking for inexpensive and effective rodent control. It just needs to be a safe, dry, warm location with a caregiver that provides food, water and proper care. To learn more about this program please visit www.feralcatfocus.org.

FERAL KITTENS NEED BARN HOME

In one of our recent Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return projects we found eight kittens. Five of the kittens were about 11-12 weeks and already pretty feral. Usually, we would return these kittens to the colony and community they came from, but unforeseen circumstances prevented this from occurring. We were not able to socialize them to become adoptable and we now need barn homes for these little ones. They need (and deserve) to have someone care for them and they need other cats to show them how to survive outdoors. If you can provide a safe barn home for one or two (or more) of these kittens, call 1-888-902-9717 or visit www.feralcatfocus.org for our online application (be sure to say you're interested in feral kittens featured in our newsletter).

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PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO HELP US CONTINUE OUR WORK

Feral Cat FOCUS is bringing the humane treatment of feral and free-roaming cats into the Western New York spotlight. With your support, we can continue to act on behalf of cats. Your donation goes straight to work and will be used to:

- Subsidize the Cost of Spay/Neuter Surgery for Feral and Free-Roaming Cats
- Protect and Improve Lives of Cats by Educating Caregivers, Advocates, and Cat Lovers Across Western New York
- Advocate for Policies and Ordinances in the Best Interests of Cats
- Develop & Promote Safe, Not-Lethal, Humane Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return Programs
- Encourage and Assist Municipalities With Implementation of TNVR in Their Community
- Purchase Safe, Humane Traps for Use During TNVR Projects

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