



# FERAL CAT FOCUS INC. COMMUNITY CAT NEWS

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PROVIDING FERAL & FREE-ROAMING CATS WITH FUNDAMENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

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## Holiday 2024

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all,

Every year we say, 'Wow what a year' and every year, we think we have topped the year before with all the cats we have altered and all the calls we have taken, and all the feral cat emergencies we have helped with. And here we are again! 'Wow what a year!'

Feral Cat FOCUS has helped Approximately **2,699** cats, during the 2024 season. Assisting caregivers to provide Trap/Neuter/Vaccinate/Return (TNVR) services, along with private trappers. We help caregivers from rural areas to urban areas, and on to the Suburbs. Each cat has a story!

Feral Cat FOCUS is always cognizant of the fact that for every cat, there is a person that traps them, brings them in to get spayed and neutered, and cares about them. It is not easy to be a caregiver/trapper to the feral cats. It takes time, effort and perseverance, and the willingness to provide a suitable, and safe home for them.



Feral Cat FOCUS congratulates each and every one of our caregivers/and trappers, for all their dedication. Our 'Hats Off' to you all!



This year we were happy to team up with Operation PETS; The Spay/Neuter Clinic of WNY to be able to provide \$10.00 Spay/Neuter to all TNVR cats. This program went on from July- November the 15, altering **1,331** free roaming cats. This means that both organizations subsidized **ALL** the TNVR cats that came into Operation PETS during that timeline.

**83** cats needed emergency or medical treatment; **99** kittens of a feral mom went on to adoption agencies. Pretty impressive, Hugh? And this requires a constant source of funding. **Let's talk about FUSION**

Many of our loyal supporters and new friends attended our 19<sup>th</sup> production of Fusion on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2024, our one and only fundraiser for the year. This annual gala event raised money to support our operating expenses of our critical 2024 TNVR programs.

Oh, what a night it was!! Well over 250 guests enjoyed the festivities at our new venue, The Columns Banquets. From appetizers to desserts, the food was fantastic. A light bar offering a beer, soft drinks and many varieties of wine for every palate was offered. The vegetarian dinner buffet was the best yet according to many of our guests.



Raffles, theme baskets, silent auction, booze fling, kitty-litter game, local artist art-sale, grand prize raffle and a gift shop were just some of the event highlights. These donated items ranging from a flat-iron grill, luggage, custom cat condos, designer fashion bags, Bills gear, and many other luxury items. One lucky guest bid and won a beach house rental on Lake Ontario. Many of the guests left with arms full of amazing prizes! The real winners were of course the feral and free roaming cats in our community. All the monies raised went to their care. Thank you all who attended and supported.

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A litter of 4 kittens was found during a huge TNVR project on Buffalo's West side in early June. Two of these kittens, Archer and Boyd, had severe eye infections, so severe that their corneas had ruptured. In Boyd's case, both of his corneas had ruptured, and it was initially thought that he would be blind in both eyes. Thanks to Dr Stanz at Animal Eye Care, they both received aggressive treatment that included 3 different eye drops given 6 times a day, antibiotic and an antiviral. Although both Archer and Boyd needed to have one of their eyes removed due to the extreme damage they suffered, Boyd's other eye was saved. He does not have perfect vision in this eye, but he is quite adventurous and will play with toys, he especially likes jingly balls and plastic springs. These are some of the kittens that your donations save.





Feral Cat FOCUS Inc. and FoxWood Wildlife Rescue, Inc. worked with the SPCA Serving Erie County on a special case in southern Erie County. In July of this past year the SPCA was made aware of an elderly lady that has died in her home. Her nephew being the only living relative, did the right thing and called in the SPCA, notifying them of this situation which was monumental, and overwhelming.



The nephew along with the SPCA collected approximately 30 adoptable cats, treated them and put them up for adoption, and then called Feral Cat FOCUS in for the unadoptable ones which, there were many!



Realizing even more help was needed to feed the cats daily, hold and medically treat these cats while they were getting healthy enough to be altered, Feral Cat FOCUS called in their good friend Elise Able, co-founder of FoxWood Wildlife Rescue, Inc. which became a 'God sent!' Between Feral Cat FOCUS and Elise Able, of FoxWood, 36 cats and kittens were treated and saved making a total of 66 cats and kittens rescued, through the collaboration of these 3 groups.


Nice work Everyone!

These photos are just a few of over 66 cats that needed help. Most of the cats were either semi-feral/feral. All of the 66 cats have been spayed/neutered vaccinated and medically treated. Most of the semi-feral/feral cats have gone under the 'Blue Collar Working Cat Program', assuring them of a safe warm and caring home to live out their lives at.

Thanks to all of our donors, we were able to make this happen.







Then just this past November 7<sup>th</sup> one hundred of our supporters came out again to celebrate the ferals at the Chandelier Bar at Salvatores on Transit Road. Our Feral Cat FOCUS friends never disappoint!! This event was our first ever “Gift Gathering” party where gift cards were donated for Fusion 2025, our main gala fundraiser. Folks who brought gift cards were entered into a special raffle to win five major prizes. Door prizes were drawn, and live music. Food specials were also enjoyed by guests. The best part was to see so many friends stepping out to support the ferals and free



## SAVE THE DATE!



April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is the date for 20<sup>th</sup> Fusion fundraiser. The gala will be hosted again at the Column's ballroom, located on Transit Road in Elma. An all-inclusive event, features appetizers, dinner buffet, light bar, world famous homemade desserts made by our own resident baker. Our traditional raffle, theme baskets and game galore will be abound. New games are also being introduced this year.

Lastly, Feral Cat Focus is now offering sponsorships for Fusion. If you have or know of a business that would like to advertise and promote at Fusion, please send a note to our email [info@feralcatfocus.org](mailto:info@feralcatfocus.org) so a volunteer can explain this new and exciting opportunity!!

Fusion invites will be mailed out in February 2025. Details will also be posted to our website soon.  
Looking forward to seeing you all.

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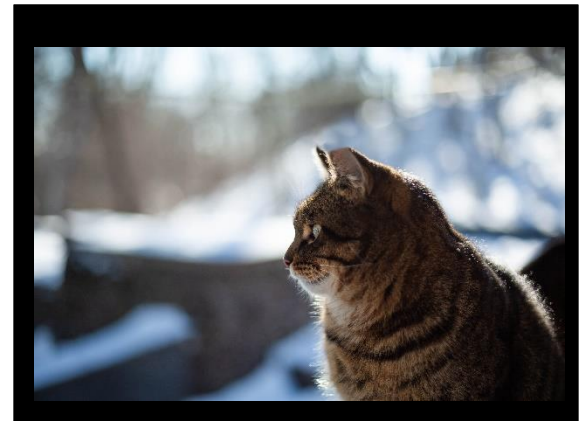


"When we look into the eyes of a Feral Cat,  
we see a 'House Cat' that never had a Chance"

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 just to survive.



Feral and free-roaming cats who only know the outdoor life shouldn't be forgotten. Let's give them the Services that they need to help them survive.

## Practice TNVR (Trap/Neuter/Vaccinate/Return)

Please help us make 2025 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."

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Please mail your generous donation to the address below or you can make an online credit card donation at [www.feralcatfocus.org](http://www.feralcatfocus.org).

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

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**'The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated'**

**Gandhi**



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**Feral Cat FOCUS wishes you a healthy 2025!**