

FERAL CAT FOCUS INC. COMMUNITY CAT NEWS

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PROVIDING FERAL & FREE-ROAMING CATS WITH FUNDAMENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all,



On Thursday November 13th Feral Cat FOCUS had their 2nd Fun-filled 'Gift Giving Party' at Salvatores Italian Restaurant.

Feral Cat FOCUS Gift Gathering Party was held on November 13th from 5-8pm, at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant—a night filled with fun, food, and community spirit, all for a cause that truly matters, the Feral /Free roaming 'Community Cats'.

Every gift helps us raise vital funds to continue our mission of humane population control through spay/neuter programs—ensuring that fewer cats suffer on the streets and more live healthier, safer lives. All proceeds of gift cards and donations go towards supporting our FUSION FUNDRAISER in the Spring!











Mark, your calendars for the 20th annual Fusion Fundraiser!



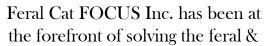
On **April 18th, 2026**, join us for an evening of unlimited food and beverages, basket raffle, amazing silent auction and a chance to connect with fellow animal lovers. There will also be games galore like Cat-Cards, Wine Toss, Plinko, Scoop-A-Poop, Lottery Tree, and more.



At The Columns Banquets 2221 Transit Rd, Elma, NY 14059 6:00pm - 9:00pm



Your attendance at this event directly supports our mission & every dollar you give will provide care for a community cat. Your involvement truly makes a difference for the cats of WNY.





free-roaming cat overpopulation crisis since 2003. To date, we have altered approximately 45,000, which translates, at minimum, to saving over 450,000 unwanted kittens. (An un-spayed female cat

averages 2 litters per year with an average litter of 4-6 kittens).



We need your financial support to keep up this critical work. Please attend Fusion, send in a monetary donation or consider becoming an individual or corporate sponsor of Fusion. Sponsorships make a huge impact on the care and services that we can offer in 2026.

Your involvement truly makes a difference for the feral cats of WNY.













Our very own Marla Berry was honored at the American Red Cross "Real Heroes Celebration", Presented by the Yurtchuk Foundation, and the American Red Cross of WNY. This lovely event was held at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, and Marla was in the company of several 'real heroes', who thought nothing of themselves, but only the care and safety of others. Marla was honored for the work she does, through Feral Cat FOCUS Inc., to help the feral cats of WNY. Thank you, Marla, we are very proud of you and thank you to Linde Inc. for submitting Marla's name for consideration, we appreciate all Linde's support as well











This year 2025, Feral Cat FOCUS found our Volunteers trapping at an abandon house and property in the Village of Depew, Dedicated caregivers notified Feral Cat FOCUS of the situation, which they were concerned about the long-term care of the overall life of the cats on the premise. 24 feral cats were TNVR'd, 27 feral kittens were turned over to adoption agencies, after they were socialized, spayed and neutered. This project took weeks to











ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH FERAL CAT FOCUS?

Since its inception in 2003, Feral Cat Focus has had a drastic impact upon the community cat population in Western New York. In conjunction with Operation Pets approx. 45,000 feral cats have been spayed or neutered which translates, at minimum, to saving over 450,000 kittens from being homeless and destined to living a life on the street.

Although we welcome volunteers in all these areas, we have found that an increasing number of caregivers who call us for help are elderly and/or unable to trap or sometimes drive. As a result, we are in dire need of volunteers in the following two areas:

- Trapping. We provide training for trappers, as well as traps to be used.
- Transporting. This involves picking up a cat in the morning from a caregiver and transporting him to Operation Pets for surgery and then picking him up in the afternoon post-surgery and returning him home.

This year was challenging for us because we could not accommodate the needs of all the caregivers who required extra help. If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity, Feral Cat Focus could be for you!

To learn more about our volunteer opportunities (particularly Trapping/ Transporting,) please visit our website www.feralcatfocus.org, for more information on areas in need of volunteers.

HOW TO BECOME A FERAL CAT FOCUS VOLUNTEER? Complete an online Volunteer Interest Form on your computer or phone at www. https://feralcatfocus.org/volunteer-interest-form/

WINTER SHELTERS

Each year some of our Feral Cat Focus volunteers make insulated winter shelters for our community cats. This year we made over 50 and, given the need, we hopefully will make even more next year.

For more information go to our website: www.feralcatfocus.org/colony-management-caring-for-your-colony

WHERE TO PUT YOUR SHELTER:

- Place it in a quiet location, if possible, away from traffic and busy areas.
- Position it out of the wind as much as you can.
- Make sure the cat has access to both openings so that he may escape if a predator arrives.
- If placing the shelter outside, be sure to put it on bricks or on boards, etc. to keep it off the ground. Do the same if placing it on a concrete patio/garage floor. Elevating the shelter will keep it warmer.
- Place a board or something heavy on the shelter to avoid it being blown around by the wind.
- If you have two shelters, try lining up the shelters end-to-end with the openings facing each other. Place one board along the top of both shelters.

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Your cats will start to use the shelter when the weather gets colder. Most cats readily take to a shelter but if your cat is hesitant try sprinkling a little catnip on top of the straw.

- *Never* put food or water in the shelter because it will create moisture and mildew if spilled.
- Make sure you shovel/clear a path to the shelter when it snows so that the cats can get in.
- Never use hay. Hay gets damp and holds moisture; straw does not.
- Never put blankets, pillows, or bedding in your shelter. These materials become damp and freeze which rapidly decreases the cat's temperature. Straw is all you need!!!
- Cats may use the shelter all year long. Replace fresh stray yearly.











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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 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 2026 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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'The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way a its animals are treated"

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Feral Cat FOCUS wishes you a healthy 2026!