

## WHAT ARE FERAL FELINES?

Feral felines are domesticated cats that have become wild and no longer desire human contact. They were either born as descendants of feral cats, or started out as pets and reverted to a wild state after being abandoned or lost.

## FERAL CAT FACTS

The number of feral cats in the U.S. has been estimated in the tens of millions.

Most feral cats are born, live and die without anyone ever knowing of their existence.

Feral cats exist in colonies anywhere food can be found – dumpsters, college campuses, apartment complexes, etc.

Attempts to eradicate feral cats have failed, as survivors continue to breed and the “vacuum effect” allows new cats to move in.

TNR (Trap, Neuter/spay, vaccinate, Return) is the most humane and effective way of reducing the population.

The health and quality of life of feral cats is dramatically improved through TNR and the caring dedication of volunteers.

Studies show that feral cats in managed colonies enjoy nearly the same good health as that enjoyed by pets.

More than 70% of all cats entering animal shelters are killed. Virtually 100% of feral cats who enter animal shelters are killed.

## DISCLAIMER

FFF or any of its representatives are not liable for any fees, injuries and/or damages that occur as a result of interaction with feral and/or domestic cats. Fees, injuries, and/or damages are the responsibility of the individual.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your tax-deductible donations are always needed and very much appreciated! Donations can be made by check or by PayPal at [www.friendsofferalfelines.org](http://www.friendsofferalfelines.org)

*Your employer may also match your gift!*

## OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Become a caretaker of a feral colony in your area. If you find feral kittens, consider fostering and placing them into homes.

Donate dry and/or canned cat food, food bowls, towels, blankets, medium size dog carriers, doghouses or other shelters.

Volunteer your time with FFF. Call our hotline or email our volunteer coordinator at [feralangels@gmail.com](mailto:feralangels@gmail.com)

- 🐾 Foster caretaker
- 🐾 Animal transport
- 🐾 Food distribution for colonies
- 🐾 Special or Fundraising events
- 🐾 Publicity or Marketing
- 🐾 Grant research & writing
- 🐾 Corporate sponsorship

## LAND

Your property provides a home for spayed/neutered and vaccinated feral cats that are not able to be returned to their original site. You would provide food, water and simple shelter. The cats would provide rodent control.

For more information about feral cats:  
[www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org)  
[www.feralcat.com](http://www.feralcat.com)



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Feral Felines (FFF) exists in order to humanely manage feral and community cats through TNR – Trap, Neuter/spay, vaccinate and Return program and to educate the public about feral cats.

## WHO ARE WE?

We are a non-profit organization. We keep our overhead very low so that almost 100% of donated funds go toward helping homeless cats in our area. We would be unable to continue our work without your generous contributions, community support, and our dedicated volunteers and caretakers.

FFF was the first organization in the Charlotte area dedicated to helping feral and community cats. Since our inception in 1998, over 20,000 cats have gone through our program.

## HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Through our TNR program, we reduce the population of feral cats and the birth of homeless kittens in our community.
- Educate the public about the non-lethal approach to feral cat population management.
- Provide an improved quality of life for feral cats through TNR.
- Reduce feline euthanasia at animal control facilities and the associated costs to our community.
- Reduce communicable diseases within the feline community.
- Encourage management of feral cat colonies in the community by dedicated caretakers.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

Provide information and schedule appointments for low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination. Check out our website to see which location is nearest to you!

[www.friendsofferalfelines.org](http://www.friendsofferalfelines.org)

- Lend humane traps and recovery carriers.
  - Provide education and training on TNR.
  - Hold general meetings open to the public.
- Please see our website or call our hotline for details on our next meeting.

## HOTLINE

- Call our hotline to speak with one of our volunteer representatives.
- A call should be made through our hotline prior to trapping a cat.
- Arrangements for borrowing equipment are made through our hotline.
- Phone calls will be returned in the order received. Due to a high volume of calls, it may take up to 72 hours to return calls.
- Please call your local emergency veterinary clinic for urgent medical care.
- Please do not call for removal of cats or for adoptable cats or kittens.

**FFF Hotline:  
704-348-1578**

## CALL TO SAVE A LIFE

## FERAL AND COMMUNITY CAT PROGRAM

- Cats are to be spayed/neutered, vaccinated, left ear clipped and returned to the site of origin.
- Daily food, water, and a simple shelter should be provided by a caretaker.
- We do not remove unwanted feral cats from their location.
- Relocation should only be done as a last resort. Instructions are available.
- Kittens 4-10 weeks old should be screened by a vet and placed in a foster home for socialization and adoption. Caretakers would be responsible.
- Tame homeless cats will not be accepted in our TNR program; however, they need to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated.
- All tame cats/kittens need to go to an adoption agency or be placed through private adoptions. A list of Adoption/Rescue Groups is listed on our website.
- If you find a tame homeless cat, call your local animal control facility to place the cat on their Found List. You are not required to turn the cat over. Be aware that most facilities euthanize feral cats, as they are considered unadoptable.
- If a feral cat is spayed/neutered outside of our veterinary network, have the left ear clipped on the cat to identify the cat as having been sterilized. If the cat is in Mecklenburg County, contact us to include the cat in our tracking database.

## FIV AND FELV POLICY

(Feline Immunodeficiency Virus and Feline Leukemia Virus)

Feral cats should be tested when:

- The colony is known to have FeLV positive members.
- A vet has determined that a cat appears to be in poor health.

As long as killing and abandonment are considered acceptable solutions for population control...all cats will be deemed as disposable and having life without value. By implementing a positive method of controlling the population such as spay/neuter, we can live in harmony and be proud we humanely stopped the suffering of feral and homeless cats and kittens. – *Francesca Tabor-Miolla*