Feral Feline Friends of East Tennessee Open Window November 2012

Open your heart to our community's homeless cats

A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We are dedicated to the care of feral cats, and members of our group work on a volunteer basis to feed, water, and provide medical care for hundreds of feral cats in Knoxville and surrounding areas. We participate in a trap/neuter/return program in an effort to control the feral cat population. The TNR program is where feral cats are humanely trapped by volunteers, taken to a clinic to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated, and returned to their colony where they are most comfortable. We are not an adoption agency nor do we take in unwanted pets. *Our organization only holds* adoption fairs in order to find homes for socialized kittens born into feral colonies and to re-home stray pets that are *abandoned in our colonies!* We are funded solely from donations and fundraisers with 100% of money raised going directly to controlling and maintaining the feral cat population.

What we can do: mentor you with your TNR (trap-neuter-release) project by teaching you how to use the traps (including care of the cats while in the traps) and loaning you traps to get the cats to the vet or a low cost spay/neuter clinic.

What we cannot do: remove feral cats from your neighborhood, place of business, etc., trap and transport the cats for you; loan traps for you to take cats to any animal service for euthanization.

Monthly Meetings

Feral Feline Friends meets the second Tuesday of every month at Mr. Gatti's at 6913 Kingston Pike (just west of Papermill Road.) Please come so you can learn about how you can help the feral cats of our community.





Adoption Center at Petsmart Turkey Creek

OCTOBER ADOPTIONS:

Tex, Bleu, Shrimp, Bugaboo, Bear, Corey, Curtis, Mac, Speck, Tadpole, Charlotte, Saki, Talapia, Sid, Stevie, Fleetwood, Cassie, Chesney, Madeline, Little Bit, Mango, That and Lynnwood

We still have kittens and many adults in foster care needing homes!

A big **THANKS** to the dedicated fosters and Petsmart volunteers who take such good care of our cats!

Please contact Deb at (865) 300-6873 or <u>debmarsh@comcast.net</u> if you would like to help in our adoption center.

Special thanks to Deb who keeps the adoption center staffed and so organized!!!

Happy Tails Adoption Story: Frisco and Swirley

We love our kitty kids!!! Frisco now Aria and Swirley now Rhea our babies!!! They are so funny!!! Aria is a snuggler and loves to give kisses and sleeps on you or next to your face! She has a big meow and a soft purr. Rhea is a goofball and does the funniest stuff! She has a squeak for a meow and a Harley motor for a purr! They are spoiled and get salmon and tuna as a weekly treat!!! Thank you for them and God bless you all in everything you do! Our only regret is that we couldn't save them all!!! You have brought so much more love into our homes and the kids adore them too!!!





.....Shellie



Check out our Veterans Day ad in the Halls Shopper

Petsmart Santa Claws Photo Event - Dec 8, 9, 15 & 16

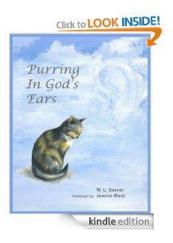


Pets—and their parents— can pose for a picture with Santa at PetSmart's annual Santa Claws Photo Event.

For \$9.95, PetPerks members can capture the festivities with a digital photo and collector holiday-themed frame. \$5 from every photo package will benefit Feral Feline Friends.

Purring in God's Ears

W.L. Seaver, Author



One of our volunteers, Bill Seaver, has recently published a wonderful book about his feral colony. The book is available via Kindle edition on Amazon.com

Colony Corner: Calico



Calico was one of the first cats I ever TNR'd. My sister and I noticed this colony in 2002 and had no idea what feral cats were. We just "assumed" you called someone and they would come and get them and they would find them forever homes. Oh how naïve we were. We then found out about then KFCF and quickly learned what needed to be done. This was a colony of over 30 plus cats. We began TNRing and this colony has been maintained for over ten years. We have had a few dumped here and there but have made sure we quickly remove those tame cats/kittens or TNR those that are feral. These cats have endured many trials including loss of land and difficult landlords. Thankfully all has worked out and these cats are all still in the vicinity and are cared for on a daily basis.

Calico is a very submissive feral and is often times bullied by the more aggressive ferals in her colony. We make sure that she gets her own food, etc. away from the others. Calico is at least ten years old and is a testimony of disproof that all feral cats live a short diseased life. Calico is a very healthy feral cat and is always waiting on us when we arrive to care for her.

Special Thanks for Donations to help care for the unwanted

Mrs. Briggs Sharon Slaton Howell in memory of Mischa John Emanuelli sponsored Saki Wayne Finch

A special thanks to Mary Ann and Beth for taking care of our bottle fed kittens and nursing them to health. We so appreciate you.

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Enclosed is my donation of:\$10\$25\$50\$100Other
Your donation will solely be used for the care of Knoxville's feral colonies, to include spaying/neutering, food, or other necessary care. Your donations are tax deductible under section 501c3 of the IRS code. Please let us know if your employer will match your gift.
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