



Feral Cat Program

A **feral cat** is the ancestor or offspring of a *domestic* or pet cat. It lives outside, is un-owned, and typically avoids human contact. This differs from a *stray* cat, which is a pet cat that has been lost or abandoned but seeks companionship. The Feral Cat Program is available to individuals and organizations in our community who wish to address the mass overpopulation problem while also appreciating the life of a feral cat and their innate ability to survive. A “caretaker” must be established in order to participate. This is an individual who agrees to feed the cat(s), provide shelter, and seek medical attention to the best of their ability.

Feral cat surgeries are done by appointment only. Appointments are scheduled on Fridays each week and are done same day procedure. Drop off is at 8am and pick up is at 3pm. To schedule an appointment, call (585) 223-1330 x190.

Pricing:

Our surgery package is \$40 per cat which includes the spay or neuter surgery, a rabies vaccine, a distemper vaccine, pain medication while in our care and the universal ear tip (amputating tip of left ear to indicate that cat has been spayed or neutered; this is *required*). Optional services are available for an additional fee: Dewormer/Flea Control product and/or Feline Leukemia testing.

At Home:

Attempt to trap the scheduled cat(s) no more than 12 hours before their surgery. Please see “How to Trap a Feral Cat” for more information. Leave the cat in the **trap** for arrival to Lollypop Farm. **We will not accept any cat(s) that do not arrive in a humane trap for the safety of you, our staff, and the cat(s).**

Complete a **Feral Cat Program Surgery Consent Form** for EACH cat receiving surgery. Please read the “Representative’s Consent” section carefully and understand that there will be no refund once an animal is admitted, even if the animal is found to be already spayed or neutered.

Label *each* trap with a tag or sticker that includes your name, address, and phone number. Remember to be cautious during transportation; do not stick fingers in the trap as you may be bitten or scratched. Keep the trap covered with a towel or blanket. A dark, quiet space will help to keep the cat calm.

Surgery Day:

Arrival is at **8am** in our Veterinary Service Entrance – Doors open promptly at 8am. This is on the **BACK** side of the building. Follow the signs for incoming animals, but use the Veterinary Service Entrance, **NOT** the Admissions Entrance.

Payment is due at the time of check-in for the appointment. Payment can be in the form of cash, check, or credit card. No services will be performed without payment at check-in.

The cat(s) must arrive in a **humane trap**. One cat per trap. The cat(s) will be discharged in the traps for you to safely transport home.

Pick up your cat(s) in the Veterinary Service Entrance area at **3pm** the date of the surgery. Calls will only be made if there is a question, or issue to discuss while the animal is in our care. Please see “Post Operative Care” and “Maintaining a Feral Cat Colony” for more information on care after surgery and release back into the environment.

If you have any questions please contact:

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