## Frequently Asked Questions:

#### Q. What is a Feral?

A. A cat born and raised without human contact, or who has been abandoned and reverted to wild ways in order to survive, is considered a feral cat. Ferals often live in groups, called colonies, and take refuge wherever they can find a food source. They also try to seek out abandoned buildings or deserted cars to escape the elements. Unmanaged feral cat colonies are the most underserved segment of companion animals, resulting in extreme overpopulation with dreadful consequences.

#### Q. Why do you trap and release?

A. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the most humane and effective way of controlling feral cat populations. It has been used successfully in the US, England and Denmark, and in other forward-thinking countries. At a minimum, feral cats who are TNRed are spayed/neutered so they can no longer reproduce, vaccinated, and surgically ear-tipped on one ear (the universally-recognized sign of a cat who has been TNRed). Dedicated caretakers feed and provide shelter for TNRed cats, monitor the cats for illness, and remove new cats for TNR and tame ones for adoption. TNR eliminates the objectionable behavior of unsterilized animals that includes fighting and wandering (looking for mates). It not only controls the unchecked growth of unsterilized cats, but improves the health, behavior and quality of life of the homeless animals.

## Q. How can I help?

A. There are many volunteer opportunities available to help Forgotten Felines advance its mission. These include: a) helping to take care of feral colonies, including trapping and feeding; b) helping to educate the public about the problems caused by overpopulation and soliciting their support in addressing them; c) assisting in fundraising activities to raise money for TNR activities and other needed care; d) fostering cats or kittens that have been rescued from feral colonies while permanent homes are sought for them; e) making a monetary contribution; and f) designating Forgotten Felines Rescue as a beneficiary in your will.

## Q. How will my money be used?

A. Forgotten Felines Rescue is 100% volunteer-based. Our expenses are for spaying and neutering of cats and related supplies and equipment for the care of cats. We depend on contributions from caring people and fund-raising activities to pay for these services.







Committed to helping feral and stray cats in the Denver metro area



The majority of homeless cats in the Denver metro area (est. 125,000) Never make it to a shelter. Unowned, unsocialized, and breeding in perpetuity, cats in unmanaged feral colonies experience extreme suffering.

TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) is a way to control the reproduction cycle of cats by humanely trapping, spaying/ neutering, and releasing them back in their home territories where they are cared for.



The feral cat overpopulation problem is worsened by the abandonment of domestic cats. If these cats survive and are left to breed, their offspring are raised to be feral and who in turn produce more feral off-spring. As part of addressing the problem of feral colonies, we strive to rescue these cats left to make it on their own, rehabilitate them and find homes for them. Above are some of the lucky ones who have made it from the city's alleys into loving homes.

### Our mission...

To provide spay/neuter services, food, shelter and adoption to homeless cats and kittens, along with public education.

Forgotten Felines Rescue is a volunteer-based organization. Its founders have been individually working to help improve the plight of homeless cats in the Denver area for many years. With the help of volunteers our programs will:

- Provide the public services to help control the feral cat population, including lending humane traps, educating them on the TNR guidelines, and providing avenues for neutering.
- Work to socialize kittens and re-socialize and rehabilitate tame cats who are found living in feral colonies.
- Adopt rescued cats and kittens through relationships with organizations that who provide a venue for displaying rescued felines for adoption
- Organize fund-raising events to generate funds for our ongoing cat rescue activities.
- Educate the public by raising their awareness of the problem and enlisting their support in carrying out our mission.



## **CAN YOU LEND US YOUR PAW?!**

Please consider helping Forgotten Felines make a difference by contributing your time, talents and/or money to our cause.

# We would love to hear from you!

