



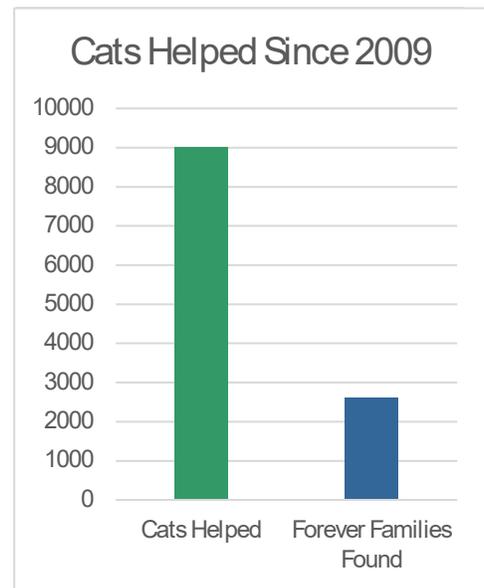
Mission: Forgotten Felines Rescue provides spay/neuter services, food, shelter and adoption for homeless cats and kittens, along with providing public education on the critical cat overpopulation problem and the importance of spaying/neutering.

December 2025

Dear Friends of Forgotten Felines Rescue:

Many notable events occurred in 2009. Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44<sup>th</sup> president, Michael Jackson died, the H1N1 swine flu pandemic emerged globally, and the rise of Twitter furthered the domination of social media. 2009 was also the year when Forgotten Felines Rescue (FFR), a 100% volunteer-based organization, was granted a 501(c)3 non-profit status.

• **Our story** -- Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance (RMACA) directed a successful volunteer-based TNR program in the early 2000s. Their mission was the same as ours, working together with caretakers and veterinarians to control the growth of feral cat colonies and prevent unwanted kittens from being born and suffering on the street. When RMACA changed its mission from funding TNR to providing important low cost spay/neuter services to the community, 2 former RMACA volunteers, and a sympathetic veterinarian, believed it was important to continue to further the TNR mission and FFR came into being. By establishing a replacement avenue of funding, its volunteers could continue the important activity of the trapping and the spay/neuter of feral cats. In 2009 we received our inaugural donations and in December our first annual flyer was distributed to those on our mailing list featuring the story of a little tuxedo kitten called Bubbles who had been rescued on a cold day from a window well.



Its founders had no clue of the journey they were embarking on, how long it would take, and where it would take them. Sixteen years later we are still going strong as the need for spaying/neutering community cats has not diminished. The number of cats helped from 2011 through 2024 was close to 8500, with over 500 more from January through October of 2025. Over 2600 of these found homes.

• **TNR – still going strong**

We learned of a woman who was feeding a growing colony of cats needing TNR. We met with her and she was grateful for our support. However our trapping challenge was that many of those she cared for, as well as others, resided at a house across the street and the owner of this house would not give us permission to access his property. We started our project, hoping that along the way we might uncover a solution for trapping cats at the 2<sup>nd</sup> house. The solution began to materialize when we met a next-door neighbor who was excited about the prospect of helping us with our mission. She became our “Angel Trapper”, setting traps on her property, and monitoring them throughout each day. She enticed many cats and kittens to come over to her property for tasty food, but then we realized that there were still more kittens in the house who coming out the front of the house through a broken window pane. Animal Control authorities intervened and they obtained permission from the homeowner for us to set traps on his property outside this window. We trapped several more who were enticed to come out the window for food, and Animal Control succeeded in rescuing 10 more kittens from traps they set inside the house.



FFR trapped 41 cats and kittens at this colony, and Animal Control succeeded in trapping an additional 10 more kittens inside the house. Our joint efforts helped over 50 cats/kittens at just 2 houses. In addition to returning the feral cats, 1 adult was found to be tame and was adopted, and 29 kittens were removed and found homes.

● **Helping cats in need** – We continue to encounter many cats on the street who once had homes but were abandoned to fend for themselves. We find them at feral colonies where they come for a source of food, or they migrate to the porches or back yards of cat loving people who reach out to us for help. Some have been on the street longer than others and their rehabilitation, either psychological or physical, can be challenging.

“**The Screamer**” -- A resident of a large apartment complex had been feeding a stray outside her door for some time. The cat would come for food late at night and became unaffectionately known by residents as “The Screamer” because of his constant nocturnal screaming. Once he was trapped and neutered, he was placed in a foster home for rehabilitation because we believed he was not feral but rather traumatized, and his cries were a desperate plea for help. Because of his reputation with residents, he could not be returned because of concern for his safety. He was far from a model foster cat. His screaming continued, usually in the middle of the night, and while he never resorted to aggression, he made it known that he was not happy. He often swatted, routinely hissed, and sometimes half-heartedly lunged, as if to say “LET ME OUT OF HERE!” It took 3 months, a lot of patience and a slew of Churus, but one day he came out of his dark place and awakened to be a new cat. His screaming mellowed into a soft meow, and he started welcoming the attention and affection the foster had been giving him. His metamorphosis was amazing and a new name, “Dreamer”, seemed appropriate. He was finally ready to find a home and was transferred to one of our adoption partners where his sweet side immediately shone through and he was adopted within days.



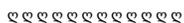
**Ernest** -- A sad, rough looking cat sat in front of a house like a sentry. One of our volunteers noticed this cat and wanted to help it. However he disappeared for three months and when he returned, he looked even worse. The large open wound on his head looked ominous and he was now limping. She inquired of the residents if it were their cat and was told it was just a stray that they had been feeding for several years. They were willing to let us take the cat so it could get the medical help it needed and the cat was placed in a carrier for us to pick up.



Ernest was neutered and treated for his wounds. However when he did not bounce back as quickly as we hoped and was acting withdrawn, we became concerned. Bloodwork revealed that he needed long term antibiotic treatment for blood parasites, both toxoplasmosis and Mycoplasma haemominutum. He was an excellent patient and the treatment was successful. Once he felt better, he started to come out of his shell and began exploring his new space. He discovered that sleeping on a bed was a delightful pastime, something he probably had never experienced. While he was shy, he was incredibly sweet and we believed he was ready for the next step he so was transferred to our adoption partner. However he had difficulty adjusting to the hustle and bustle of his new space and was placed in foster care for a time to help him adjust. Ernest’s journey has been a long one and is not yet over as he is still waiting to find his forever home. If you are looking for a deserving cat to adopt, please check out this special feline with incredibly “big feet” at Cat Care Society.

● **A joint effort** – We have never been alone on our 16-year journey of helping community cats. Our supporters have always been and continue to be by our side. We are grateful for their support as we have never throughout our history failed to provide needed medical care to rescued cats/kittens because of lack of funding. **THANK YOU!!**

In addition to monetary donations, we are always looking for people willing to donate their time. For example, a commitment of just a couple hours a week to feed feral colonies has its rewards, especially when the cats come out to say “Thank you!”



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