

## FERAL CAT SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

The **Home At Last Feral Cat Program** holds monthly spay/neuter clinics. With our instruction, caregivers trap their colony's cats and bring them to the clinic site. The health of each cat is evaluated by our veterinarians, the cat is anesthetized, spayed or neutered, given basic vaccinations and a rabies inoculation, given a flea and worm treatment, the ears are cleaned, and one ear is "tipped" (a small piece of the ear tip is removed). Eartipping is the universal symbol of and only proven way to permanently identify (both close up and from a distance) a feral cat that has been evaluated, vaccinated and sterilized. Eartipping ensures that a sterile cat will not undergo unnecessary repeat trapping and surgery.

The caregiver is expected to pick up the cats at a specified time, give them a 24-48 hour recovery period in a warm inside space and then release them to their original site.

Caregivers are strongly requested to contribute a minimum amount to the cost of the clinic. Our veterinarians are doing this as a public service but their expenses are high. Please contribute. It will help us continue to offer this service.

**Home At Last Animal Sanctuary**, accredited by the American Sanctuary Association, provides lifetime care for many animals including dogs, cats, pigs, cows, goats, rabbits, and a horse, and includes a separate wildlife refuge. We are a for-life sanctuary, emphasizing the concept of compassion and offering exceptional quality of life for many formerly abandoned or abused animals. Programs include rescue, adoption, educational outreach, low-income spay/neuter assistance, and feral cat trap/spay/neuter/return.

Contributions to Home At Last are tax-deductible as allowed by law under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**If you would like to contribute to the Home At Last Feral Cat Program, please write "Feral Cat Program" in the memo portion of your check.**

Send check to:

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# Home At Last Animal Sanctuary



# Feral Cat Program

A feral cat is an unsocialized cat who has been born outside and never lived with humans  
OR  
a lost or abandoned cat who has thrown off the effects of domestication and reverted to the wild.

Adult feral cats are content to live in the wild.

Feral cats are primarily the result of pet owners' abandonment or failure to spay or neuter their animals, allowing them to breed uncontrolled. Feral cat "colonies" can be found behind shopping areas or businesses, in alleys, parks, abandoned buildings and rural areas.

Removal of feral cats from a site creates a "vacuum effect," wherein new cats will colonize at the same site due to the availability of food and shelter. Removal is not the answer.

Studies have proven that trap-neuter-return (TNR) is the single-most successful method of stabilizing and maintaining healthy feral cat colonies with the least possible cost to local governments and residents.

The basic strategy of TNR is to identify a feral cat or colony of feral cats, humanely trap them, spay/neuter and vaccinate them, then return them to their original environment with a human caregiver committed to feeding and sheltering them.



**Little Black and White**



**Champagne**



**Sweet Pea**

The Home At Last Feral Cat Program is totally volunteer operated. We teach TNR to committed caregivers, loan traps and run monthly spay/neuter clinics at minimal cost.

We do NOT provide assistance:

- To anyone who will not allow the cat to be returned to its environment
- To anyone with an owned pet cat looking for low cost spay/neuter
- To find a cat a new home or with any other adoptions

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

In order to offer our services, the **Home At Last Feral Cat Program** conducts frequent and varied fundraising events. You might see us holding garage sales or bake sales, selling arts and crafts, manning car washes or whatever else we can imagine. Some ways you can help include:

- sponsor or help with a fundraiser
- help with trapping
- sponsor one or several cats' clinic expenses
- provide clinic space
- transport cats to and from a clinic
- provide recovery space
- provide cat food for a caregiver
- purchase a trap
- give a donation
- attend meetings of the Feral Cat Program

To volunteer or help in any way, please email [kyferalcats@gmail.com](mailto:kyferalcats@gmail.com) or call Jackie at 859-489-7319.

**SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR OWN PET. Be the solution, not the problem.**