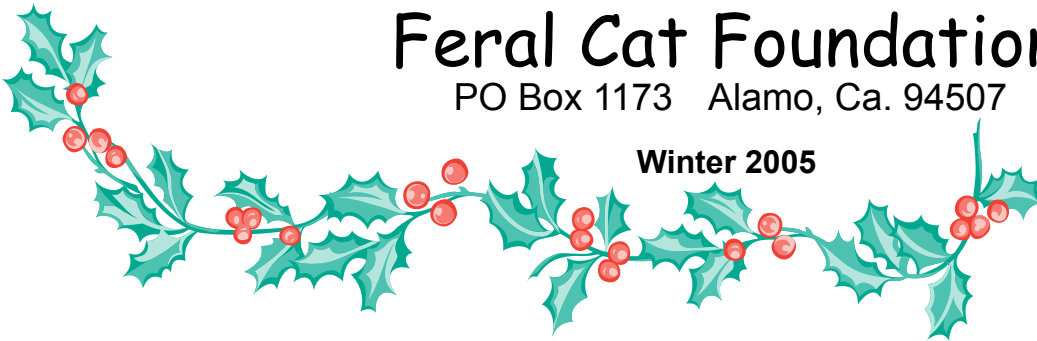


Feral Cat Foundation

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The members of Feral Cat Foundation encounter all types of rescue situations in their comings and goings. Especially dear to many of our hearts are the little ones we snatch from dire circumstances. We tiptoe around, trying not to disturb the mothers, lest they move their litter to an unknown place. We help where we can, and supply food where we cannot help in any other way. We pick up the orphans, and try to trap the rest of the colony to prevent more births.

One such orphan was Parker. Where he came from is a mystery! He was found in a drainage ditch, alone, hungry, and very afraid. Both of his eyes were so infected he could not see. The Army reservist who found him brought him to the nearest Vet office. Perhaps something could be done to help this little thing that looked more like a large orange rat than a small kitten.

He was taken to the home of an FCF member. Once "home," he was given fluids, his eyes were washed and medicated, and he was encouraged to eat a little food off a finger. Distrustful at first, he slowly came to look forward to his encounters with his new human friends. And, as the infection in his eyes slowly cleared, it became easier to assess his situation. He was taken to Animal Eye Care in Fremont, where it was discovered that Parker had damage to the cornea of his left eye. The damage and resulting infection would cause him to lose that eye. But the right eye could be saved. He will require re-constructive surgery on his right eyelid, but he will be able to see out of that eye.

What a joy is little Parker! At first he was hesitant to move around outside of his cage. Each new day brought a little more activity, and his spirit soared. The first time he was able to jump the eight inches between his cat tree and the shelf we all cheered. He looked so pleased with himself that he did it again, and off he went to try something new. So what if he ran into a cabinet or wall! He shook it off and went in another direction. He acquired some friends his own size, and quickly learned how to tackle, lunge, and posture with the best of them.

Just to watch this little guy makes one smile. If he sees you looking at him, he rolls over for a belly scratch and purrs his little heart out. Eye surgery is still to come, when he gets a little older. But for right now, he just has to concentrate on being himself and warming the hearts of those lucky enough to be around him. Parker will be available for adoption in early December, we hope.

Parker is just one of the many hundreds of cats Feral Cat Foundation was able to help in 2005 with the help of the caring people who make up the extended FCF family of supporters. Unfortunately, many cats are not so lucky.

Often we see cats slinking away from us beneath cars in parking lots, or under shrubs in parks or apartment complexes. Where might this poor cat's next meal come from? Did you ever stop to consider it's plight? Whether they are lost, abandoned, sick, or injured—each cat has a story. Feral Cat Foundation members always consider these possibilities when encountering an unknown cat. With your support, we can help where help is needed. With your assistance, we can give hope to the forgotten felines we care for daily. Please send your tax-deductible donation in the enclosed envelope **TODAY!** The cats and kittens really need your help.



Parker—looking forward to a new home

This holiday season we continue our tradition of featuring some of our adoptable adult cats. We hope for loving homes for all our rescued cats, but the adults, especially, need to be considered. Please contact us if you have a place in your heart and can provide a safe and loving forever home to a sweet and deserving adult cat this holiday season. Anyone who has adopted an adult cat will tell you of the feelings of joy and commitment shared by cat and human alike.

FCF is an all-volunteer group. We have no paid employees. There are many ways that interested people can contribute to our mission of helping feral cats.

eScrip is an easy, automatic way to generate funds for FCF every time you do your normal shopping. Some of the participating merchants are Safeway, Whole Foods, Pet Food Express, Eddie Bauer, Sharper Image, Big O Tires. You can search/browse the list of participating merchants, or view the newest merchants from the eScrip Merchant's page.

Feral Cat Foundation will automatically get a percentage of your purchases. Check it out! New merchants are being added all the time.

Safeway Club Card—another really easy way to help. Just register your club card using the link on our website, www.feralcatfoundation.org, or you can go to the eScrip website. Be sure to renew your commitment to this program on an annual basis.

On-line you can register with JustGive—a nonprofit organization whose mission is to connect people with the charities and causes they care about,

and to increase overall giving. Your donation is secure and private. 97% of your gift goes directly to FCF.

Yet another way to help FCF is through our paper scrip program. There are hundreds of merchant participants. A list is available for the asking, and you can purchase paper scrip through FCF. Use it like money, and FCF will benefit in a big way. Some merchants pay as much as 14% of your purchase back to FCF. The holidays are just around the corner. Gift cards are an excellent choice for someone who has everything, or for those who live a distance away.

Please view these cats, as well as the many others available, on our website www.feralcatfoundation.org.

We hope for peace and love to warm hearts around the world.



Henry—a gentle soul looking for love



Smokey loves everyone



Shirley Ann loves to be carried around, and accepts friends well.