

# Feral Cat Foundation

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An All-volunteer non-profit organization

## OUR COMMITMENT

*The overpopulation and suffering of homeless and unwanted cats in our society demands a humane solution. Feral Cat Foundation (FCF) accepts the challenge to promote public recognition of this problem, to pursue workable solutions and, without euthanasia, to humanely reduce the population while improving the quality of life for these innocent victims of human neglect.*

In the course of our rescue “workday” (usually our work is done at night), the members of Feral Cat Foundation meet many wonderful, caring people. There are many of you out there who have willingly assumed responsibility for the feral cats crossing your path daily by setting up feeding stations, making sure the cats have a dry place to hide during the winter months, and providing food and water all year long. Part of this responsibility includes seeking help for injured or sick cats in your area. That is when Feral Cat Foundation steps in - to provide support by way of advice, or a vet visit when needed.

One of our members received a call from a feeder in Pleasanton earlier this year. There was a new cat in her colony whose tail looked like a huge cattail on a plant. The cat seemed friendly enough, and even let her pet him, but when she tried to pick him up he jumped away and disappeared. He wasn't seen again for three weeks, and the worst was feared. Finally he returned. But his tail was even worse than before. Now what?! A trap was set and he was caught. We immediately took him to the Veterinary hospital, where it was discovered that his tail had been broken

and was now dead. At this point the tail was almost two inches in diameter, and full of infection. He was left at the hospital for surgery the next day.

Nothing is ever easy, is it? When the Veterinarian examined him under anesthesia, it was discovered that the infection was so extensive that the tail could not be removed at that time. We needed to get the infection that extended onto his back under control so there would be good tissue to suture when the tail was removed.

After one month of antibiotic treatment, another examination showed that the infection was indeed gone, and it was safe to remove his tail. TC (for tail-less cat, of course) came through the surgery with flying colors, and began to improve immediately. His foster family still smile when they speak of him, and shake their heads with sadness that someone could dump such a loving, wonderful cat in a feral colony to fend for himself. TC went to a wonderful indoor-only home this summer, and is happily basking in the sun and eating everything in sight, his previous misfortune put aside as a bad memory to be forgotten.

The area where TC was dumped has a feral feeding station - well hidden, safe and secure, well maintained, and dry during the winter. Feral Cat Foundation was able to help this feeder trap, spay and neuter the other cats that come to this feeding station. We found homes for several of the kittens that had been born there. The adults were returned.

Have you seen stray, thin cats slinking beneath parked cars as you go to or from work or the store? Did you see the hungry, abandoned cat at the Macy's store entrance at Stoneridge Mall this summer? Someone did, and called Feral Cat Foundation. We picked her up, set her back on her feet with a few months of good food and love, and found her a wonderful indoor only home.

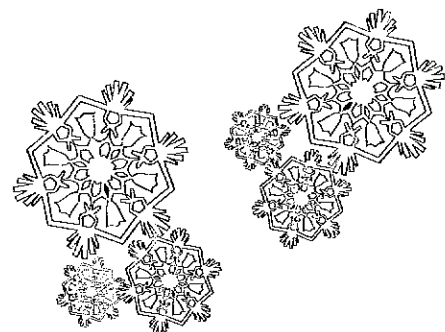
We realize that we could not do the work we do without the caring people in our extended family of supporters. Your assistance enables us to give hope to the forgotten felines we care for daily, and to help others care for their colonies when needed. With your financial support, we can help where help is needed. Please send your tax-deductible donation in the enclosed envelope TODAY! The cats and kittens really need your help.

You can also help FCF by registering on-line with JustGive - a nonprofit organization, or by donating to United Way. One-Cause is an on-line donation program where, once you are on their website you may choose the organization to which you wish to donate. You can also purchase gift cards through our scrip program for someone who has everything, or lives a distance away. To order, call our hotline (925)829-9098 and leave a message. Register your Safeway Club Card by going to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com),. Registering your credit and debit cards on

escrip will also generate donations from participating merchants. Call the hotline and we will send you a Shares Card to be used at Lucky, Save-Mart or FoodMax. FCF will get a portion of the cost of your purchases from these stores.

There are food donation bins located at ABC Pet Clinic in San Ramon, and Pet Club in Hayward. Please help us feed the cats this winter by donating to one of these, or establishing one that is convenient for you. We accept open bags of food as long as they fresh. Unopened canned food is always welcome.

As always, Feral Cat Foundation features adult cats in our holiday letter. These cats, over one year old, especially need to find indoor-only, forever homes. Because of the economy Feral Cat Foundation fosters find themselves with many, many adult cats looking for homes. The number grows daily with abandoned cats finding their way into our feral colonies. Won't you consider giving one of these loving adult cats a forever home this holiday season? Just think of the love and warm feelings you will give - and get back ten-fold. Featured below are just a few of our adoptable adult cats. Feral Cat Foundation members have adoption sites at Petco in San Ramon and Dublin, and at Pet Food Express in Oakland. Please view other pictures and descriptions on our website: [www.feralcatfoundation.org](http://www.feralcatfoundation.org).





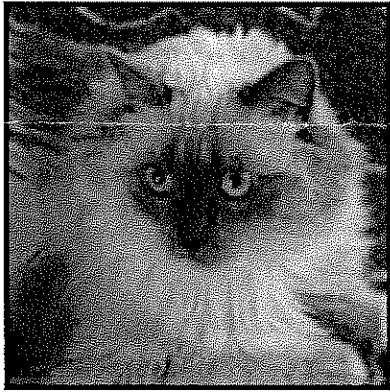
❄ Cowgirl ❄



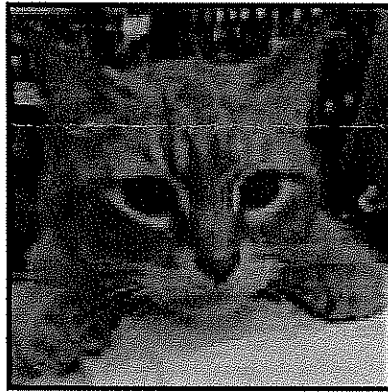
❄ Earnest ❄



❄ Gabriel ❄



❄ Hope ❄



❄ Mr. Snowflake ❄



❄ Turtle ❄

*We hope for peace and love to warm hearts around the world this holiday season.*

**The Feral Cat Foundation needs YOU!**

Your tax-deductible contribution provides much-needed (and appreciated!) support to FCF in its ongoing efforts to help improve the quality of life for feral and homeless cats and kittens throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties of northern California. Please mail your donation with this form to the: **Feral Cat Foundation, PO Box 1173, Alamo, CA 94507.**

- \$15
- \$25
- \$35
- \$50
- \$100
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip-code: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Thanks, but no thank-you note is needed.	I am interested in these and other volunteer opportunities with FCF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed a local feral colony</li> <li>• Help with the spring newsletter and holiday letter (writing, editing, stamping and stuffing envelopes, etc.)</li> <li>• Recover spayed or neutered kitties</li> <li>• Fostering</li> <li>• Publicity</li> <li>• Annual raffle</li> </ul> Please send me an application.
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