

About Us

The PA Pets Feral Cat Program is a division of PA Pets that specializes in TNR (Trap Neuter and Return) of feral, stray and barn cats. TNR is a humane approach to controlling the feral cat population. Feral cats tend to congregate forming a feral cat colony. Usually they form around a food source, or begin as offspring of a feral female. A Good Samaritan is a person who has taken responsibility for the feral cat or colony of cats. The Good Samaritan is committed to feeding the cats on a permanent basis, ensures they are spayed/neutered, may provide additional shelter and provides ongoing healthcare as needed. This program is not designed for people's personal pets (we have regular PA Pets applications for that). This program is also not to relocate the cats after being spayed or neutered or to find homes for them.



True or False?

A female cat cannot get pregnant when they are younger than 6 months.

***False** – Cats as young as 4 months can get pregnant.

It's OK if I don't get the male feral cats fixed since they can't have kittens.

***False** – Though a male cat cannot have kittens one male can get multiple female cats pregnant.

A pregnant female cat can be spayed.

***True** - A female cat that is pregnant can in fact be spayed. The average pregnancy for a cat is just 64 days. A female cat is able to get pregnant while still nursing kittens.

A female cat cannot be fixed while she is nursing.

***False** – Though we do not encourage taking a mother cat away from her kittens when the kittens are under the age of 4 weeks, kittens can survive at the age of 4 weeks without their mother for up to 10 hours. However, it is very important to get the mother cat back to her kittens at any age as soon as possible.

If you stop feeding the feral cats they will just go away.

***False** – They tend to come closer as they grow increasingly desperate to find something to eat. Even though cats may be feral, all cats are still domesticated creatures that rely on humans for food. Without feeding the feral cats they will become hungry, unhealthy animals vulnerable to disease and parasitic infestation.

FAQ

Q: What is the earliest age I can spay/neuter a feral cat?

A: As early as 4 months or 4 pounds a cat can be spayed/neutered.

Q: How do I prevent people from dumping their cats near my colony?

A: One way to prevent this is to post friendly signs letting people know that the cats are a colony that has a dedicated Good Samaritan, and that all the cats have been through the TNR program. Posting a sign is also a good opportunity to teach people about responsible cat care and perhaps even recruit Good Samaritans to help.

Q: What is a good way to feed feral cats so that other birds or animals do not get at the food?

A: It is recommended that Good Samaritans feed cats on a daily schedule and remove food after a short time. A covered feeding station may keep birds away from food. If you feed during daylight it will keep nocturnal animals such as raccoons or opossums away.

Steps on how to get your feral cat spayed/neutered

1. Pick up a Feral Cat application from:

PA Pets Thrift Store
203 East 5th Street
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Wednesday – Saturday 9AM–4:30PM

Or download from our website at
<http://www.pennsylvaniapets.org/>

2. Once your application is complete, return it to PA Pets Thrift Store either in person or thru the mail. Send application along with exact amount, either \$20.00 (if your household income is \$30,000 or less) or \$40.00 (if your household income is over \$30,000) fee per cat in an envelope.

If paying \$20.00 fee you must show proof of adjusted gross income. DO NOT send with application, you will be asked to show proof of income later. Address envelope to PA PETS FERAL PROGRAM.

***Checks made payable to “PA PETS FERAL PROGRAM”**

3. Someone will call you with a date, time and location for the next clinic with available openings. Our traps **must** be used when transporting cats to clinics and will be provided for your use at no charge.

**Included in the \$20.00 or \$40.00 fee the cat will be spayed/neutered, receive rabies shot and flea medication as well having their ears cleaned and left ear tipped. This helps identify that a feral cat has been spayed/neutered.*

Want to help?

Feral cat meetings are the third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM at:

AGAPE Building
19 East 7th Street
Bloomsburg, PA 17815



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