



The Feral Cat Times

A publication of the Feral Cat Spay/ Neuter Project • serving the Puget Sound • January 2004

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**7913
CATS**

WE'VE HELPED!

Sixty to 70% of cats we help are female. Without our help, they are destined to a life of breeding and raising kittens as long as their bodies will hold up. By spaying these little girls, we give them a chance to gain health. By neutering the males, we relieve a burden on the females, improve the males' lives and more kittens are not born into a life in the wild.

Clinic Dates

February:

2, 9, 12, 21, 23

March:

1, 4, 8, 13, 18, 23, 29

April:

5, 17, 19, 24, 26

May:

10, 17, 24, 31

More dates to be added. Some dates may change. Check website or phoneline for updates!

Record Number of Surgeries at the New Clinic!

The past six months have been a whirlwind...

Between July 8th & December 31st, we performed 1368 surgeries!

Because you believed we could do it and you joined us to make this happen, **we are getting calls and emails from groups all over the USA to find out about our freestanding clinic!**

In fact, Dr. Julie Levy, a veterinarian known internationally for her work with TNR and feral cats, has joined our Board of Advisors and recommends that we publish our successes as a model for other groups trying to help cats. Our Project will hopefully be mirrored all across the country to help even more cats than we ever dreamed. Your generous support has made this possible. We set our goals high, and we exceeded our own predictions. We're anxious to keep up the pace, help as many cats as we can, but we need your continued support. Our supporters realize that to stop the cycle of cats without homes, we must work to make spay/neuter accessible

for all cats. Please spread the word, donate as generously as you can, and together we will continue to help as many cats as we possibly can. *Please help us help the cats!*



This momma cat has already had countless litters. Spaying her today, improves her health & quality of life, while sparing new kittens from perishing alone.



A busy clinic day. Kitties are through surgery, recovering in their carriers and awaiting pick up by their caretakers.

Our Mission Evolves: End Feline Homelessness & Needless Euthanasia in Shelters

In Harry Potter's world, we'd wave a magic wand, say a few funny Latin words, and all feral cats would be altered. Unfortunately, even if we altered every feral cat in this world today, tomorrow there would be more. Why? Because feral cats are the offspring of tame cats. *Altering tame cats ~ Feral Cat Prevention ~ is an integral part of solving the feral cat crisis.*

And what we've come to realize over the past six years of offering free surgery is that the issue isn't simply whether a cat is tame or feral or somewhere in between

the real issue is feline homelessness.

Cat rescue groups are all working toward the same goal. Whether tame or feral, all cats deserve to have homes and access to spay/neuter. And if all cats were homed, there would be no such animal as a feral cat. Today, there are more cats than homes. No matter how many shelters we build, no matter how many sanctuaries we fill, there are not enough homes for them all. Part of the solution to feline homelessness must be accessibility to spay/neuter to curb the reproduction of homeless cats. Join us with your support of spay/neuter, so that more cats have better chances of getting homed.

The **Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Project** is a non-profit, 501©3 organization dedicated to reducing the number of homeless cats and ending euthanasia of homeless cats in shelters in the Puget Sound area by providing safe and humane spay/neuter services free of charge.

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Left to Right: Dr. Christine Wilford, President of FCSNP, Becky Robinson, National Director, Alley Cat Allies, Kris Rerecich, Alley Cat Allies

Veterinary Forum Focuses on Free-Roaming Cats

Dr. Christine Wilford, President of the FCSNP, attended the American Veterinary Medical Association Animal Welfare Forum in Chicago on November 7, 2003 which focused on the management of abandoned & feral cats. AVMA policy regarding free-roaming cats was under review. Invited lecturers to the Forum included Dr. Margaret Slater, Dr. Julie Levy, and Dr Michael Stoskopf. Each presented science-based information on the lives of free-roaming cats and scientific observations of TNR programs. At the crux of the issue was the impact of free-roaming cats on wildlife and bird species. Dr. Paul Barrows, Linda Winter and Dr. David Jessup addressed such concerns. An overview of the presentations were published in the January 15, 2004 issue of the Journal of the AVMA.

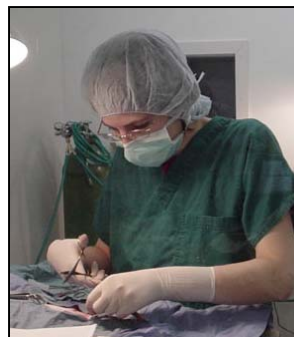
Of great interest were data from an on-going ten-year study presented by wildlife biologist Dr. Michael Stoskopf. Used to studying animals in the wild, Stoskopf's team objectively collected and analyzed data. Some points of interest were the finding that in the most optimal conditions (food, vaccines, shelter), the death rate of kittens approached 50% at three months of age and was almost 70% at six months. Castrated males lived longer than vasectomized or intact males. Spayed females lived longer than intact females. Altered males and females had similar lifespans and gained weight after altering. Look for more facts from this study in future issues!

No busy signal, no waiting for reservations! We're more accessible than ever and are ready to help you. Please call us if you have kitties that need spay/neuter. We're here to help the cats AND you!

RESCUE CLINICS

We're now able to offer Rescue Clinic days for groups and individuals who can fill a surgery day on their own. For a donation of \$250, we'll schedule a half-day clinic for 25 cats. For a \$450 donation, we'll schedule a full day for 45 cats. You bring the cats, we'll do the rest! Contact us for more details and information. We'll help you help the cats!

206-528-8125



Dr. Lena McCulloch

Internal Case Statement Updated

We invite you to read our updated Internal Case Statement posted on the website www.feralcatproject.org to understand where we started, how far we've come and where we expect to go. One photo in the ICS may be disturbing, so please be advised. We felt obligated to show the reality that inspires us to keep working as hard as we can to help more cats. And we hope to some day, perhaps, have a society where every cat has a home. Dr. CW



Crissy Barger, LVT holds "The Hulk", a 19 lb tom cat (sedated). Robust, muscular and handsome, The Hulk surely has plenty of progeny to carry on the family name!

Send us your photos!

We've set up a wall to showcase some of the homeless cats that come through our clinic. Please send us *your* pictures and a sentence about who they are. And be sure to take a look when you're by the clinic - it's a nice reminder of who we're helping!



Blitzen & Ichi Mimi (One Eye) Re-homed!

www.feralcatproject.org



**Look For
Our New Colony
Profiles!**

Thanks to some terrific volunteers who designed our new Colony Profiles, we can learn more about the cats and the people that we're helping. This information can lead us to more funding sources which leads us to more free surgery! So look for the Colony Profile forms the next time you bring cats in – take a moment to fill them out on every cat you bring and return them to us. The information will remain in strictest confidence and be used for internal planning and fundraising. Please take some time and fill out these forms. And if you like data entry, we'll be needing some volunteers to be entering the data we collect. Call or email us if you'd like to join this important effort!



**Sponsor
a Public Clinic
Join Us in Helping
More Cats!**

Many people are out in the elements feeding, trapping and monitoring the homeless cats. If that is not your niche, then you can help by sponsoring one public clinic or even more!



A donation of \$640 dollars covers the surgical costs of one public clinic of 45 cats. We'll handle the scheduling, reservations and surgery while your donation allows more free surgery for cats who otherwise have no access to spay/neuter. Contact us and let us schedule one clinic or one month of clinics in your name – the cats and their caretakers will greatly appreciate it!



**HUGE THANKS to our HERO
Roger Thompson for our
vinyl floor!! WOWZA!!**

**Creative Fundraising
Kitty Kudos to Reina Burnett
& Jerry Woodfield, DVM at
Northwest Cardiology!**

Like other small businesses, Dr. Woodfield occasionally offers professional discounts & courtesy services. Reina designed an invoice showing the discounted amount to the client, then notes that any amount paid above what is owed will be donated directly to FCSNP. To date we've received over \$1000! If you operate a business and offer discounts or courtesy services, considering offering this option to your clients. They seem excited to donate & appreciate the generosity. Thank you Reina and Dr. Woodfield, for your generosity & a great idea!

**Great
Cattitudes**
*donations made to celebrate
a person or their efforts*
**Head butts &
Cheek rubs go to:**

Ted & Linda Dennis
by Dr. Christine Wilford

Ted Dennis
By Linda Dennis
**Dan & Felsia
Golden**

Alberta Golden
**Joe & Marine
Grube**

By Crispeno's
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*The BEST principal a
school could ever have!*
by Dr. Christine Wilford

Jeannie Kee
By George Kee
Bob Klein
*Thank you for always
being there for me and
the feral kitties.*

by Amie Richards
Dr. Richard Lester
*Not only did he provide
excellent medical care
during her final-year
battle with cancer, he did
so with real loving
compassion for which we
are eternally grateful.*
By Keiko Koizumi & Dot
Hachey

**Robin Lester &
Christine Cole**
by Dr. Richard Lester
Mimi Perrin
*Thank you for your
friendship and all of your
support caring for our
ferals.*

by Amie Richards
**Gene & Janet
Rossidivito**
By Gail Rossidivito
Karen Samuels
A strong advocate of
protecting the kitties.
By Kerry & Wixie Hansen
Dr. F & Mrs. Short
By Gerda Spence

If you'd like to highlight
someone special with a
donation, send us their
name along with your
donation & look for them in



In Memoriam

Daughter, Vanessa
Douglas & Winona Hoppe

"Bubba (Misha)" O'Neill
A great guy
that will sorely be missed
Lea Lucky & Dr. Wilford
Alex & Michael O'Neill

"Allen" Courington
Thinking of those big, kneading
paws will always bring a smile.
Lea Lucky & Dr. Wilford

"Muddy" Stone
Lea Lucky & Dr. Wilford

"Kelsey" Keith-Kerns
Dr. Christine Wilford

"Nina" Hillman
Jennifer's little angel
Holly Anderson
Lea Lucky & Dr. Christine Wilford

"Yoda" Edmund
Dr. Christine Wilford

Jeune Gibson
Lea Lucky

"Marlys" Taylor
Dr. Christine Wilford

"Stupid" Joudry
FCSNP Friends

"Snowball" Hawes
Cats Exclusive Vet Ctr

"Shanti" Freeman
Cats Exclusive Vet Ctr

"Muddy" Stone"
Lea Lucky & Dr. Christine Wilford

"Chelsea"
Keiko Koizumi & Dot Hachey

Vicki Lynn Weick
Wendy Claypool

"Cindy" Waller
Dr. Christine Wilford

*We are sad to hear of the
passing of Vickie Lynn
Weick, a true friend of the
homeless cats. A special
thanks to those who
requested donations be
made to the Feral Cat
Spay/Neuter Project in lieu
of flowers.*

These coin can locations brought in over \$500 for the cats in 2003!

COOK ROAD TEXACO



CATS EXCLUSIVE VETERINARY CENTER In Shoreline



Our First Clinic Sponsor! Sharon Hagan

saw our holiday wish list in the *Seattle Times* but didn't have anything to donate that was on our list, so instead....

She wrote us a check for \$640 to sponsor an entire clinic! **Thank you for being the first to sponsor a clinic in our new site!** Your generosity is greatly appreciated, Sharon!

Spay Is The Way Sponsors Clinics!

We're unsure who was more excited, the FCSNP or Mimi Cristall, President of Spay Is The Way, when she called to tell us that her non-profit organization would sponsor three public clinics during the first quarter of 2004! This generous donation allows the altering of 135+ cats!

Spay Is The Way is dedicated to spay/neuter. Our freestanding clinic will stretch every donated dollar to its fullest! Working together, we are making a huge difference in the lives of thousands of cats! Thank you, SITW!

Wish List

- Long distance **phone cards**
 - **Towels** to send home with kitties
 - **Paper towels**
 - **Blue masking tape**
 - **First class stamps**
 - **Low-cost or free printing services**
 - **Auction Maestro software**
 - **New sign** for our building
 - **Vinyl floor** entry way
 - **Swiffer Wet Jet REFILLS** – (we like these because we can throw away the germs!)
 - **Stock donations**
 - **Copier paper**
- Contact us at 206-528-8125
Or drop off your donation at our clinic or Great Dog Shoppe!
Thank you!

THANK YOU COIN CAN MONITORS!

- Kristin Aalbue
- Crissy Barger
- Reina Burnett
- Linda Dennis
- Janet Fagan-Smith
- Vicki Farretta
- Jennifer Forbes
- Susan Gann
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- Jenny Johnston
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- Jeannie Kee
- Amy Lente
- David Loehndorf, DVM
- Lea Lucky
- Maria Moody, DVM
- Kathy Myers
- Elizabeth Perrin
- Tamar Puckett
- Lena Remme, DVM
- Riana Roloff
- Aimee Stambach
- Christine Wilford, DVM
- Charlene Wilford

“SPARE CHANGE” FOR THE CATS!
Tossing your spare change into a bowl?
Maybe a jar or somethin’ even BIGGER?
Just bring us your coin jar, bowl, plastic bag, whatever!
We'll count it, roll it & send you a receipt! **Drop off your change on any clinic day** between 7:30 am and 3 pm or just call / email us to find out other times we'll be there.
Each nickel helps pay for more surgery to help more kitties!



LITTER BOX TIP
Got a cat who digs to China in the litter box? Or his feet are in the box but the urine goes over the edge?

Toss that litter box and use a large, plastic storage bin instead. With dimensions of 14"X14"WX26"L, kitties can dig all day & no litter flies out the sides. Cut an entry about 6" wide but leave the sides high. Those uncouth boys who don't squat low enough will manage to keep their biz in the box.
Thank you
Dr. Bill Larson for this great tip!

THANK YOU COIN CAN HOSTS!

- Animal Critical Care & Emergency Svc (ACCES) – *Seattle*
- All the Best Pet Care – *Kirkland*
- All the Best Pet Care – *Lake City*
- All the Best Pet Care – *Madison*
- All the Best Pet Care – *Queen Anne*
- All the Best Pet Care – *Redmond*
- All the Kings Flags – *Seattle*
- Animal Emerg & Referral Ctr - *Lynnwd*
- Animal Hosp of Maple Valley
- Aurora Veterinary Hospital – *Seattle*
- Ballard-Greenwood Vet Hosp – *Seattle*
- Bark Natural Pet Care – *Ballard*
- Bothell Pet Hospital – *Bothell*
- Broadway Vet Hosp – *Seattle*
- Carkeek Park Vet Hosp – *Seattle*
- Carpets To Go – *Lynnwood*
- Cat Clinic of Seattle – *Seattle*
- Cats Exclusive Vet Ctr – *Shoreline*
- Civilized Nature – *Sammamish*
- Cook Road Shell – *Burlington*
- Country Pet Shoppe – *Kingston*
- Crown Hill Pet Supply – *Seattle*
- Crown Hill Vet Hosp – *Seattle*
- Dairy Queen – *Bothell*
- Elliott Bay Animal Hosp – *Seattle*
- Epilogue Books – *Ballard*
- Frank & Dunya – *Fremont, Seattle*
- Great Dog Shoppe & Daycare – *Seattle*
- Lake Stevens Animal Hosp - *Everett*
- Meadows Cat Hospital – *Issaquah*
- Mud Bay Granary – *Greenwood*
- Mud Bay Granary – *Pine St, Seattle*
- Mud Bay Granary – *Redmond*
- Mud Bay Granary – *Univ Vill, Seattle*
- Next To Nature – *West Seattle*
- North Creek Pet Hospital – *Bothell*
- Northeast Veterinary Hosp – *Seattle*
- Perrinville Animal Hosp – *Edmonds*
- Pet Pros – *Lake City, Seattle*
- Pet Pros – *196th, Lynnwood*
- Pet Pros – *Magnolia, Seattle*
- Pet Pros – *Mukilteo*
- Phinney Ridge Animal Hosp – *Seattle*
- Redwood Animal Hosp – *Redmond*
- Ridlow Pet Store – *Ballard*
- Skinlogic – *Seattle*
- Twice Sold Tales – *Capital Hill*
- Wanderer's Mail Svc – *Pike, Seattle*
- West Seattle Animal Hosp – *Seattle*
- West Seattle Vet Hosp – *Seattle*
- Wheaton Way Vet. Clinic - *Bremerton*
- Wilderness Vet. Clinic – *Maple Valley*

To become a coin can monitor, please call, email or write us a note. Every dollar means more surgery to help more cats!

Ruth Heathcote Sponsors Clinics!

"I'm enclosing a check to help homeless & abandoned cats in our area. I have received & given shelter & homes to stray cats. I want to help you in your efforts & dedication. They need our help!" Ruth's words say it all. Your generosity and compassion are so greatly needed and appreciated! Thank you, Ruth!



**BUYING or SELLING PROPERTY?
KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?
Join Coldwell Banker Bain & Nancy Bailey in helping more cats!**

Coldwell Banker Bain has formed a Community Partnership with the FCSNP in an effort to help raise money for the cats. Each time a FCSNP friend or referral of a friend, buys or sells with Coldwell Banker Bain sales associate **Nancy Bailey**, she and CBB will donate an amount equal to 10% of the commission to the FCSNP.

For more information, please contact Nancy Bailey 206-720-7620.

**In-Kind Donations
THANK YOU!
Together we're building a legacy**

- Kristin Aalbue
- Brenda Anderson
- The Animal Eye Clinic
- Aurora Veterinary Hospital
- Bamboo Hardwoods, Roosevelt
- Evelyn Bittner, DVM
- April Brown
- Reina Burnett
- Kaye S. Counce
- Cats Exclusive Veterinary Center
- Fred & Cleo Courington
- Rita Craig
- Sherri Crow, DVM
- Cathy Darracott, CPA
- Ted & Linda Dennis
- Becky Drew, DVM
- Claudine Erlandson
- Janet Fagan-Smith
- Great Dog Shoppe & Daycare
- Megan Hanken & Family
- High Rise Cabinets
- Virginia Jones
- Lucy Kee
- Julie Levy, DVM
- Dave Shipe, Les Wilkins & Assoc.
- Lea Lucky
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- Leslie Treanor
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- Deeann Zurkammer

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WITHOUT COSTING A DIME?**

Did you know many employers match, dollar for dollar, your donations to us? Ask your Human Resource department how to maximize your generous donations!

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- King County Employee Charitable Campaign
- King County Metro Employees
- Microsoft Giving Campaign & Matching Gifts
- State Farm Companies Foundation
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- United Way
- United Way of King County Employee Giving Campaign Program
- Zymogenetics Matching Gifts
- And many more!



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Cisco Stock Donation!

You know who you are...THANK YOU! We appreciate your generosity, your confidence in our work and your dedication to the cats & our mission!

Enclosed is my donation of:
 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other
Each dollar you send goes toward free surgery and helping more cats!

Your donations are tax deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.
Please let us know if your employer will match your gift!

- Please contact me about:
- Monitoring a coin can.
 - Helping with fundraising activities.
 - Volunteering in the clinics.
 - Data entry.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please send me T-shirts for \$15 donation each:

S M L XL XXL

Please indicate how many of each size.

Total enclosed for T-shirts: _____

FCSNP Assists Seniors

Many quiet neighborhoods house lonely seniors on fixed incomes. Too often their kindness & feeding neighborhood homeless cats can result in prolific breeding and a situation out of control. Agnes was known to care about cats, and soon her yard became a dumping ground for the neighbors' unwanted litters. Too elderly to trap on her own, unable to afford spay/neuter surgery, a devoted volunteer trapped the cats that Agnes had grown to love. FCSNP altered all the cats for free and returned them "home". This amazing volunteer helps Agnes when new litters are dumped. Now the situation is under control and the cats are healthy. This situation is repeated countless times throughout the Puget Sound. Please help us help the cats ... and the people, too.



FCSNP

THE FIRST FREESTANDING CLINIC DEDICATED TO FREE SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY FOR CATS!

Teamwork Helps More Cats: Thank you Seattle Animal Control!

When Dr. Christine Wilford went to Seattle Animal Control to update their staff and officers on the FCSNP expansion to the freestanding clinic, little did she realize how badly they want to help feral cats! Virginia Dalton periodically sees robust, healthy, ear tipped cats coming into SAC's municipal shelter on Elliott Ave. Tame and healthy ear tipped cats are put up for adoption, if their owner cannot be found. But if the cats are feral, Virginia still holds them for as long as possible, with hope that a colony caretaker will come looking for them. Something needed to be done to get these kitties back home. When Dr. Wilford put out the request for help via email, a generous volunteer, Mimi Boothby, came forth to take the job. Virginia will call Mimi to let her know whenever an ear tipped cat comes in with no other form of identification. Mimi will spread the word through the caretakers, and now, thanks to the efforts of SAC, Virginia and Mimi, ear tipped cats will have a better chance of returning home!

Our Mission to Save the Cats

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In January 2004, the FCSNP altered 246 cats!

Without your support and generosity, the freestanding clinic would still be a dream. And this year, you and the FCSNP will help more cats than ever.

Thank you for joining us on this vital mission!

Your support has made this possible.

Please continue to help us help the cats by sending your donation today!

PLEASE HELP US HELP THE CATS!



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