

What Are Feral Cats?

Feral cats are cats that are second, third or later generation offspring of unaltered strays and free roaming companion cats. When they live together, the group is called a "colony." They are born outdoors and usually are hidden by their mothers; they have little or no human contact in the formative months.

Trap, Neuter & Return (TNR)

An established colony will defend its territory to protect the food source, limiting the addition of new cats to the group; for this reason, leaving spayed and neutered cats in a colony is the best deterrent to population growth. The TNR approach stabilizes the colonies and eliminates many of the problems people find annoying about feral cats. Spraying and urine odor abates; mating yowls are eliminated; and fighting is reduced.

Studies have proven that trap-neuter-release is the single most successful method of stabilizing and maintaining healthy feral cat colonies with the least possible cost to local governments and residents, while providing the best life for the animals themselves.

**Do you know of a colony of feral cats?
Do you have a barn full of feral cats?
Feral Cat Solutions can help!**

2008 Clinic Schedule:

- March 30
- May 4
- **June 22**
- October 19

All clinics are held at the Latah County Fairgrounds. **Please make a reservation to bring cats into the clinic. Call 509-334-7099.** Cats without reservations may or may not be accepted on a space-available basis. FCS reserves the right to refuse our services to any cat we believe to be an owned pet.

FCS is not typically able to arrange barn cat relocations. You are expected to return cats after surgery to their home environments.

Cost is \$20 per cat. This fee includes spay/neuter, FeLV/FIV test, FVRCP/rabies vaccine, and minor medical treatments as necessary. Each cat will be ear-tipped for identification.

Any cat testing positive for FeLV or FIV, or deemed too injured or ill to survive, will be humanely euthanized at the discretion of our volunteer veterinarians.

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