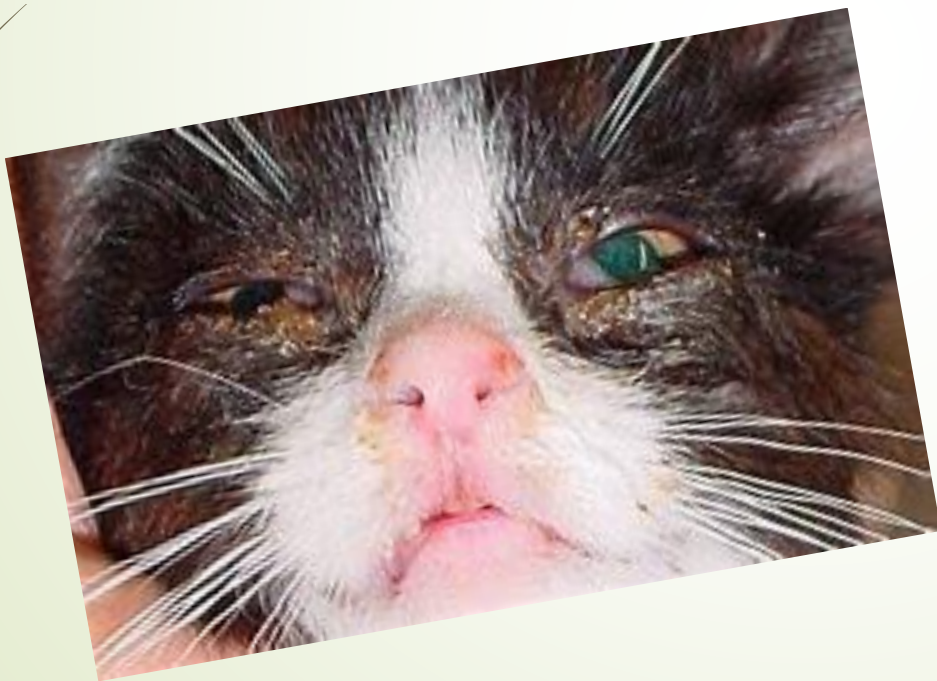




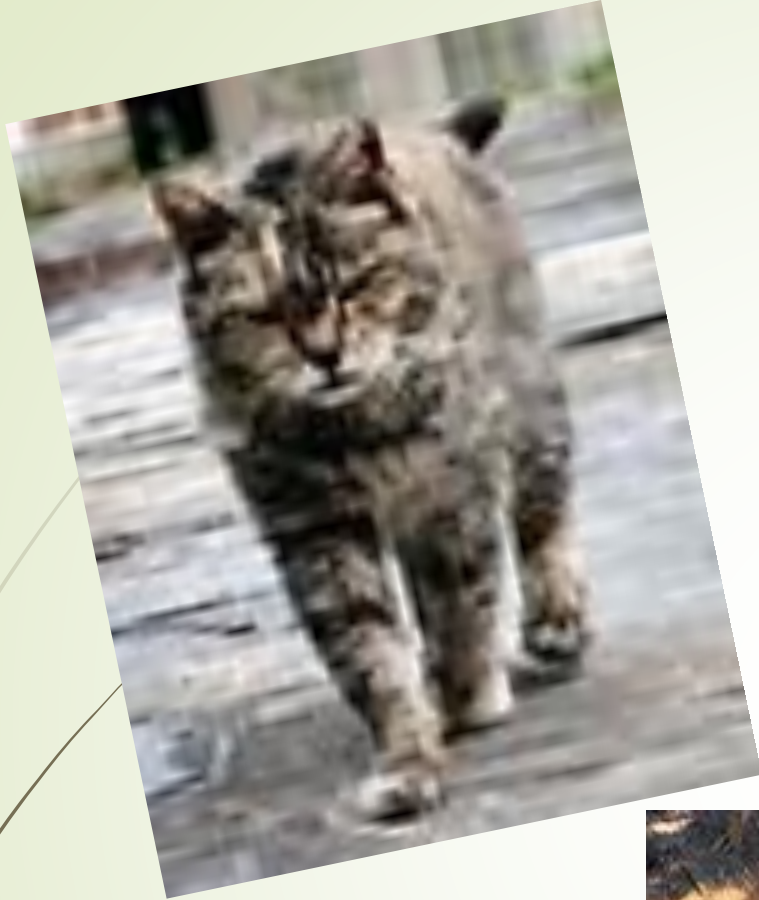
9-Lives Cat Rescue

Hants County, Nova Scotia











What are Feral Cats?

- ❖ Feral cats are cats who are not owned and are not sufficiently socialized to humans to be candidates for adoption.
- ❖ Feral cats are the end result of owned pets who were not spayed/neutered and then escaped or were allowed to roam.
- ❖ They are misunderstood as being vicious but that is not true
- ❖ Feral cats tend to gather together where they form "colonies", at the center of any colony is a food source.
- ❖ Offspring of ferals cats will become feral themselves unless they are trapped and taken in foster homes to be socialized.
- ❖ Lifespan of a feral cat who is not vetted is 5 yrs if they are lucky.



What is the Difference Between a Feral and Domesticated Cat?

Domesticated

- Socialized to humans
- Typically have an owner & live in a home



Feral

- Little to no socialization to humans
- They live in abandoned buildings, sheds, tires, barrels, etc.
- Most have no protection from extreme weather conditions – frigid in winter and extreme heat in summer



What are Feral Colonies?

- Colonies can be as small as 2-10 cats on urban residential properties or as large as 20-100 cats on industrial and rural farm properties.
 - A feral colony is a group of unowned cats that live outdoors together.
 - Feral cats live together in a specific location and utilize a common food source. Usually this food source is scavenged from trash and dumpsters, or from caregivers who provide food for the colony.
 - "Managed" colonies are those that benefit from the attention of caring humans or "caretakers".
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What is TNR?

- **Trap-Neuter-Return is the responsible, humane method to care for feral cats/feral colonies.**
- **Trap-Neuter-Return stabilizes feral cat populations.**
- **The cats are humanely trapped, vaccinated and spayed/neutered resulting in no more kittens being born.**
- **They are returned to their original location to live out their lives in their outdoor home.**
- **Not only is Trap-Neuter-Return the humane option for feral cats, it also improves cats' lives by relieving them of the stresses of mating and pregnancy. It also reduces or eliminates certain types of cancer in cats which is a direct result from spay/neuter.**



Local Vet Costs – Spay/Neuter Services

Cornwallis Vets – Female

2 vaccinations - \$280

Spay surgery - \$535

TOTAL COST - \$815 + TAX

Cornwallis Vets - Male

2 vaccinations - \$280

Neuter surgery - \$265

TOTAL COST - \$545 + TAX

Avon Animal Hospital – Female

2 vaccinations - \$284

Spay surgery - \$725

TOTAL COST - \$1009 + TAX

Avon Animal Hospital – Male

2 vaccinations - \$284

Neuter surgery - \$615

TOTAL COST- \$899 + TAX

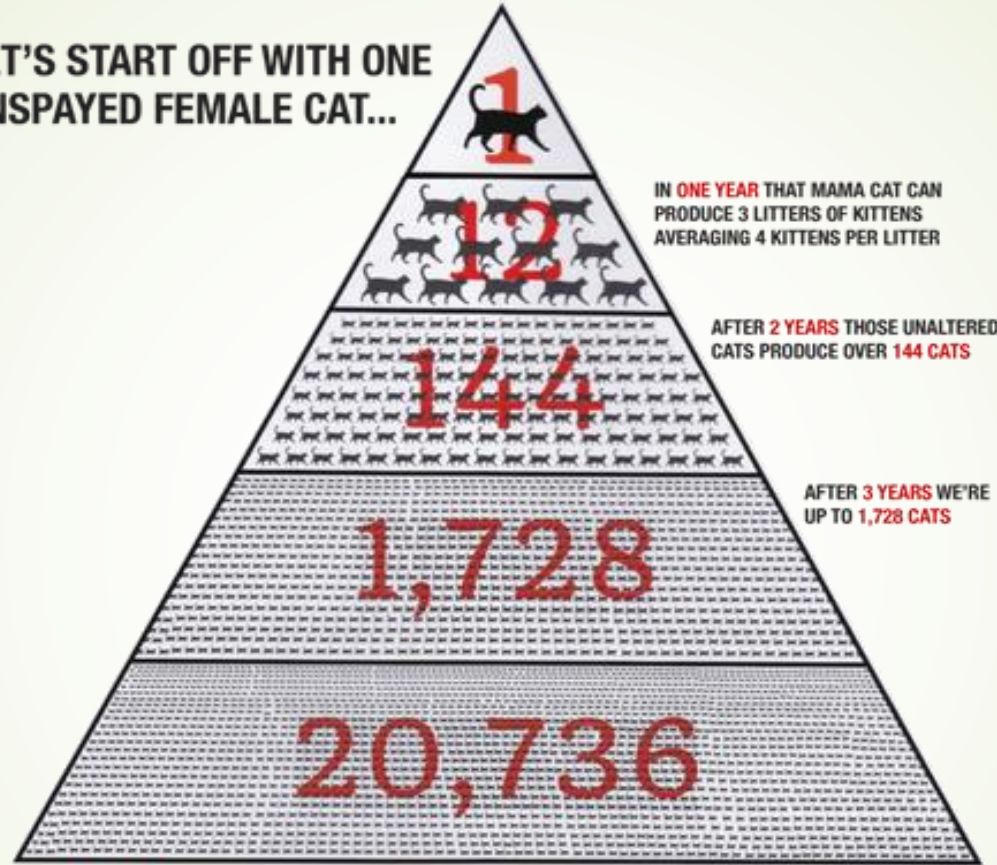


Feral Cat Statistics - 2024

- 9-Lives Cat Rescue spayed/neutered a total 166 ferals in 2024 (SPCA Mobile TNR van did 41 feral surgeries for us)
- 125 feral cat surgeries were paid for by 9 Lives which is a total of **\$27,500**
- Our surgery rate for a spay/neuter is \$220
- This doesn't take into account any injuries OR sickness that had to be treated.
- We ask for donations towards feral surgeries but very rarely do we get one or if we do, it usually only covers 20% (\$40-\$50) of the surgery cost.

THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE

LET'S START OFF WITH ONE
UNSPAYED FEMALE CAT...



DO YOU KNOW 20,000 PEOPLE
WHO WANT A CAT?

Yeah, neither do we!



It is our understanding that before amalgamation, the West Hants Council allocated budget funds for a Feral Cat program through Dr. Sue Walker at Avon Animal Hospital, successfully reducing unwanted litters. Since its discontinuation, the rural cat population has grown significantly, with people abandoning pregnant cats and unfixed domestic cats on rural farm properties, hoping they will survive. Many of these cats struggle, leading to increased suffering and further population growth.

We are requesting annual funding between \$5000 - \$10,000 to reinstate this vital program and we would ask that this be reoccurring each year.

Feral Cats – Lets Be Their Voice