



Cat Tales

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Every Cat Deserves a Chance!



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“Rescue them while they are young!” This is what many feline rescue groups hope to do. But this is not always possible. Feral kittens, preferably under 12 weeks, best at 8 weeks or younger, are much easier to socialize and easily adopted. Shelter and/or rescue groups typically use TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) for true feral cats, adult feral cats who were born without human contact and have been free roaming all their life. While a once-domesticated cat, who has been free-roaming for awhile without human contact, can turn feral and will take more time and patience to teach them how to trust a human again. Often times a frightened domesticated cat can be mistaken as a feral cat upon entry to the shelter/rescue and will either be a TNR or euthanized. However, we feel that every cat deserves a chance for a forever home, not just the feral kittens that are easily socialized. TNR is always our last resort, but in some cases, it is the only option.

Many shelters and rescue groups do not have accommodations for FIV and FeLV+ cats and kittens. Therefore, they are often times euthanized. They are not candidates for TNR, in a good faith effort to prevent the spread of both viruses to other cats and because of their compromised immune system.

We feel that every cat deserves a chance for a forever home therefore, we saw a need to provide every FIV and FeLV+ cat, who is fortunate enough to cross our path, adequate shelter accommodations until they are adopted or they pass. They will always have a home with us regardless. They have a designated room where they are free to play, socialize with other cats and lounge at their leisure, no cages! Three of our FIV/FeLV+ cats were adopted in 2018.

We recently took in a cat named Buddy. He was free-roaming on Main St in the Village of Malone for a couple of years. When Buddy was trapped, most rescue groups would think that Buddy was a lost cause and would be a good TNR candidate. But we saw potential in Buddy, and wanted to give him a chance. Buddy was not a very happy kitty when he first arrived. We were not able to touch, hold or pet him, without him growling, hissing and lashing out at us. We realized we had a lot of work ahead of us.

Patience, love and time have worked. Buddy has been with us for a couple of months and he continues to make progress. We are able to pet him now and he looks for attention. He is learning to trust humans again! And we have no doubt that he will be adopted one day.

In 2018 Focus on Ferals rescued over 300 cats and kittens. We are very proud to say that no cat was released back on the street. We have other kitties like Buddy, and some that are just very shy. We continue to work with the shy/scared kitties, with hopes that they will eventually learn to trust and will be adopted into a forever home.

Every cat deserves a chance!

***To keep up on Buddy's progress visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/focusonferalsinc. We post videos of him on a regular basis.*

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| January 2019 Statistics | |
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| Program | |
| Spay/Neuter | 3 |
| TNR | 0 |
| Adopted/ Transfer | 21 |
| In Foster Care | 197 |
| Intakes | 12 |