

Our Mission

The mission of the Feral Spay Sunday program is to reduce the population of feral cats by sterilizing as many as possible.

What is Feral Spay Sunday?

Feral Spay Sunday is the most aggressive spay/neuter program in Western Massachusetts.

This program provides FREE spay/neuter and vaccination for feral or barn cats.

At one clinic every month, an all-volunteer staff neuters 50-100 cats in one day.

Who Are Feral Cats?

Feral cats are those frightened cats you often see sneaking around a barn or a dumpster late at night.

Many feral cats used to be cats with human families. They grew up without human contact and are now wild animals.

Unlike wild animals though, the kittens of feral cats flood local animal shelters – thousands each year in the Pioneer Valley alone.

Trap, Neuter, Return

Sadly, extermination of feral cat colonies has been the standard means of controlling their population for many years – to no avail.

Rounding up and killing all of the cats around a food source is not only inhumane, it is ineffective.

Whenever a food source such as a dumpster or a dairy barn is available, other cats will move into the territory in a short amount of time, re-establishing the exterminated colony.

Using a technique called Trap-Neuter-Return (“TNR”) at a colony site maintains a healthy, stable population of cats around a food source.

TNR is a humane and effective way to maintain colonies of cats. Rather than capturing cats for extermination, trappers round up cats to be vaccinated, ear tipped, neutered, and returned to their original colony site.

TNR programs have effectively controlled populations of wild cats from coast to coast and around the world. Feral Spay Sunday is a TNR program designed to help the cats of Western Massachusetts.

The Clinic Nearest You

Feral Spay Sunday Clinics travel all over Western Massachusetts.

Each month, a different veterinarian donates the use of his or her hospital for a clinic.

The clinics are held on Sundays when most animal hospitals are closed for business.

Making Clinic Reservations

All cats coming to a Feral Spay Sunday clinic must have advance reservations.

Reservations may be made by calling the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society (DPVHS) at 413-548-9898 or by emailing fss@dpvhs.org.

Volunteering For A Clinic

Clinic volunteers include veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and cat lovers.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact us at 413-548-9898 or email fss@dpvhs.org.

YES! I want to make a donation to help support Feral Spay Sunday!

\$1,000
 \$500
 \$250
 \$100
 \$50
 \$25
 Other Amount \$ _____

(make checks payable to DPVHS)

My check is enclosed.
 Please bill my credit card:
 VISA Mastercard

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Mail To:

DPVHS
P.O. Box 319
South Deerfield, MA 01373

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society

in collaboration with
the Homeless Cat Project
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the MSPCA and veterinarians and cat
lovers throughout western
and central Massachusetts
and southern New Hampshire.

Tax deductible contributions to the Feral Spay Sunday program may be made to the DPVHS.

We appreciate your generosity.

If you would like to donate supplies to a clinic, contact us at 413-548-9898 or email fss@dpvhs.org for our latest clinic wish list!



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