

When Finding a Stray with Kittens

Finding a stray female cat with kittens presents some additional challenges, but the rewards are great!

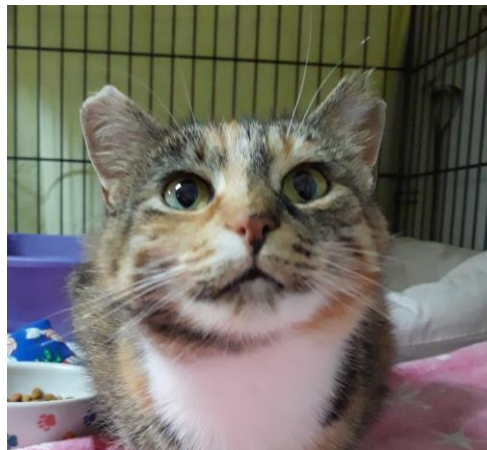
- Spay the female when the kittens are weaned (approx.. 5-6 weeks old). If necessary, use a humane trap to catch her. She can go into heat and become pregnant before she's even done nursing her kittens.
- Either trap, neuter, and release (TNR) or if not feral, follow guidelines for finding her a home.
- Secure kittens after catching the mother. They should be kept in a cage in order to socialize them and so they can learn to use a litter pan. Be sure to feed them canned kitten food and make sure they are all eating well!
- At 6-8 weeks old, they should receive an initial vet check. They should receive their first distemper shot, test for Feline Leukemia, flea treatment, deworm, and check their ears for ear mites.

Congratulations!

You've taken the next step in ensuring the health and well-being of your kittens!

Methods for Finding a Home for a Stray

- A picture is worth a thousand words! A photo with the cat's sad story can be posted at veterinary offices, workplaces, grocery stores, churches, pet stores, schools, or other places where social events are held.
- Place an ad in local and/or community newspapers. Always ask for a donation in your ad – never advertise “free to a good home”.
- Ask local rescue organizations to place the cat on their waiting list. If space becomes available, you could be contacted.
- Tell friends, family, coworkers that you've found a stray and are trying to find a home for it.
- Post photos and a story on social media sites or ask a friend or family member to do it for you!



SAVE A STRAY



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About Our Shelter

Forgotten Felines and Fidos, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all volunteer, no kill animal shelter located in Germansville, PA. We have been serving the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas since 1994. We specialize in adoptions, low-cost spay/neuter clinics, community outreach and TNR support.

Our Mission

The mission of Forgotten Felines and Fidos is to reduce the number of homeless, unwanted cats by offering a low-cost spay/neuter program and by working together with the community to help control the feline population. We provide a supportive environment for all the cats at our shelter until they can be matched with their forever home, or shelter them for the rest of their lives, if necessary. In addition, we provide medical care for the sick and injured in a nurturing environment. We are committed to educating feral colony caretakers and the general public on the humane treatment of feral cats. We offer a trap neuter release (TNR) program to encourage spaying/neutering and return to their natural habitat.

About Save a Stray

Animal shelters nationwide are faced with an overpopulation crisis! No-kill shelters, like Forgotten Felines and Fidos run solely on donations and are at max capacity. When you find a stray cat or a momma cat with kittens, you may be the only hope in saving the animal. Shelters may be full and unable to help you, especially during the busy “kitten season” (Spring). This brochure is designed to offer you guidance in navigating your situation.

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs

First and foremost, any stray should be spayed (females) or neutered (males).

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866-820-2510

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When a Stray is Wild (Feral)

A feral/wild cat won't let you near it and will run away. It is even more important to spay/neuter these cats to prevent additional unwanted kittens. Females can have 2-3 litters a year that will end up just as wild and the cycle will only continue. What to do:

- Purchase/borrow a Have-a—Hart humane trap. This is a secure, safe, and easy way to trap the cat.
- Make an appointment for low-cost spay/neuter surgery.
- Trap the cat, it is recommended that the trap be set the day before your appointment. Cover the trap with a sheet or towel to help keep the cat calm.
- Bring the cat to the shelter or vet office for their surgery. Pick up the cat as instructed.
- Release the cat back into the environment from which it was trapped! It is important to return the cat to familiar territory.

Congratulations, you've stopped the breeding!