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## MRFRS “Catmobiles” Celebrate Major Milestone; 40,000 Cats Spayed/Neutered Since Inception

**Salisbury, MA** (date) The Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society announced that it recently performed its 40,000th spay/neuter surgery via its successful Catmobile program.

“Performing 40,000 surgeries on owned and feral cats in the six years since our program’s inception exceeds even our loftiest expectations,” said Liz Pease, MRFRS’s Director of Operations. “We are so gratified to have been able to have such a profound impact on feline overpopulation in Massachusetts.”

The Catmobiles are mobile medical facilities housed in two specially outfitted 33’ trucks. Each Catmobile houses a surgical suite, exam area, anesthesia service and accommodations for up to 40 cats, and is staffed by a veterinarian and technician. The two trucks are on the road a total of six days a week, traveling to make it convenient for individuals to bring their cats for spay/neuter operations. In addition to surgery, each cat receives a brief exam, rabies vaccination (for cats over 12 weeks of age) and nail trim.

Each month, the Catmobiles visit about 25 different towns in Eastern Massachusetts, from as far north as Salisbury, as far west as Worcester, Gardner, and Fitchburg, to as far south as Attleboro. The fee for male cats is \$80, and female cats, \$120, and there are frequently opportunities for further reduced pricing from special promotion and grant dollars.

Pease noted, “Many of our clients tell us that the combination of proximity and affordability the Catmobile offers frequently makes the difference between whether they can spay/neuter their pet or not.”

“We could not have reached this milestone without the help and support of numerous animal rescues and welfare organizations around Massachusetts,” stated Pease. “They are on the front lines of identifying areas where there are cats that need to be sterilized, and they partner with us to promote the Catmobiles’ schedule and availability to their local audiences”

The Melrose Humane Society's Brian Aurillio said, "The Catmobile has been a life saver, not only for the cats and kittens to be fixed, but also for rescuer and foster home time. Everyone at Melrose Humane Society are volunteers who balance their personal and work time with volunteer time. The Catmobile provides a great resource by traveling around the greater Boston area."

The Catmobile's monthly schedule, and information about reserving a spot are located on the MRFRS website ([mrfrs.org](http://mrfrs.org)) as well as the Catmobile's Facebook page ([facebook.com/mrfrscatmobile](https://facebook.com/mrfrscatmobile)). Cat owners can also call 978-465-1940 for more information.

#### **About the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society**

The MRFRS is a nationally recognized, nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization committed to ensuring the health and welfare of feral and domestic cats and kittens by promoting pro-active, compassionate, no-kill programs. Last year the MRFRS sterilized over 8000 cats and kittens. Since its founding in 1992, the organization has assisted over 80,000 cats and kittens.

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