



A nationally recognized, non-profit volunteer-driven organization committed to ensuring the health and welfare of feral and domestic cats and kittens by promoting proactive, compassionate, no-kill programs.

Salisbury Adoption Center

63 Elm Street
(Route 110 East)
Salisbury, MA 01952
978-462-0760

Adoption Hours

Tuesday – Thursday:
11:00am – 4:00pm

Friday:
11:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday:
11:00am – 4:00pm

Stop in anytime we're open, or, for an appointment outside of our regular hours, email adoptioncounselor@mrfrs.org.

Visit our cats online anytime at mrfrs.org — click on Meet the Cats!

Catmobile Hotline

Monday – Friday
10:00am – 4:00pm

978-465-1940

or anytime at
catmobile.org
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Cat Currents

MRFRS Catmobiles Reach Amazing Milestone

When MRFRS first initiated the Catmobile program back in 2008, we had high hopes of making a contribution towards reducing the persistent feline overpopulation problem in Massachusetts. But we never could have imagined that in fewer than ten years, we would have performed 50,000 spay/neuter surgeries on owned, shelter and free-roaming cats throughout Eastern and Central Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire.

We reached that milestone in June, and have to thank our amazing Catmobile veterinarians, vet techs, call center staff and especially the wonderful clients who have brought their kitties to the Catmobiles over the past eight years for those spay/neuter surgeries. We have also been assisted by grants from many foundations, allowing us to reduce our Catmobile pricing even further in areas or situations where the need is greatest.

Did you know that the Catmobile was part of a revolutionary movement in feline welfare to make low-cost spay/neuter surgeries more accessible to cat owners? Former MRFRS Executive Director and current Board member Stacy LeBaron tells the story:

“Back in 1998, Dr. John Caltabiano spoke at our annual meeting about his mobile spay/neuter clinic in Connecticut. When I heard him, I thought this was a game-changing idea, and it always stayed in the back of my mind. Once MRFRS achieved the goal of purchasing our adoption center in 2003, our next big goal was adding our capability to provide help to owners who lack the resources to take their cats to a vet.

“In 2008, we received a large donation from a private donor for a spay/neuter initiative. After doing a full analysis of all of our options, the MRFRS board voted on launching a mobile clinic. Dr. Deborah

Brady, the lead vet who had been donating her time to our Sunday spay/neuter clinics, was very interested in helping us launch this program—and so we were off in the fall of 2008.

“Several years later, MRFRS received a very generous grant from the Weiderhold Foundation that enabled us to purchase another vehicle. So Catmobile 2 hit the road in February 2012, doubling the number of cats and kittens we are able to reach.”

The Catmobiles rely heavily on word-of-mouth to broaden their client base,



so anytime you can share our schedule and Facebook posts with your friends, you play an important role in the spay/neuter revolution by helping more cats get the surgeries they need, thereby reducing the number of cats coming into rescues and adoption centers.

For other ideas on how you can help spread the word about the Catmobiles in your community, feel free to reach out to our CM staff at 978-465-1940 or catmobile@mrfrs.org.



Happy Tails - Rozzie The Riveter

Rozzie ended up at the shelter when her owner went into a nursing home. Rozzie was very shy at MRFRS, but is a super affectionate kitty and so incredibly beautiful! A friend and neighbor of one of our volunteers adopted her, and a few weeks later she reported:

Rozzie is terrific! She is fairly comfortable with the whole house. She likes being with me and sleeping on my bed at night (when she sleeps)! She is still a little jumpy with sudden moves but for the most part comfortable with me banging around the house. My cousin sent some toys that her 10-year-old cat likes and so does Rozzie. She loves being groomed and she has become a real companion. I am feeling very blessed to have Rozzie in my life!

Here is Rozzie feeling very much at home! It was her first time on the chair. I find I am becoming that kind of cat owner who lets her rule the house. There is nothing she is hurting so why not. I do stop her from chewing on the plastic garbage bags! I was prepared for that from the few notes of her previous owner! Please count us a success story!



Happy Tails - Maple

Maple was surrendered to MRFRS due to her aggression towards other cats. A bit of a challenge at the shelter, Maple loved to sit on the front desk...and try to bite potential adopters! Luckily, she was adopted by a very nice, patient woman who was willing to see how Maple did in a different environment. We were thrilled when we got this news update from Maple's adopter:

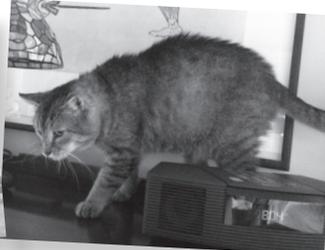
Maple is doing really well. I can't get over how different she is from the cat I met last weekend in the shelter. The minute I let her out of the carrier she began investigating her new surroundings. She even purred some while exploring. I was prepared to have to bribe her with steak to get her to trust me. Turns out all she needed was a new, comfy home. While she is still a little uncertain of all the new sounds here, I think she is happy.



Happy Tails - Stark

Stark was transferred to MRFRS from another rescue group. He was living out on the streets and they weren't sure he would be a good candidate for living indoors. He came in with very bad stomatitis so he had most of his teeth removed. It took a while for him to adjust to life at the shelter, but he eventually settled in, and enjoyed stealing lunch tidbits from the shelter staff. Stark went home during an adoption event, and it turns out he loves life as an indoor-only cat. Based on this report from his adopter, it sounds like he is one lucky kitty!

Stark is doing well in his new home with me and Heidi the dog. He has confidently explored our place and is enjoying lots of pats and attention. He spent his first night here sleeping on my pillow with me. We are both very happy.



Staff Spotlight

If you've visited our Catmobile Call Center office, you've likely already met Kerri Gigliello, our Catmobile Program Manager! Kerri started working at MRFRS this past January and keeps our two Catmobiles

and Call Center scheduling office running smoothly from behind the scenes. In the past, she worked as a Staff Assistant at Suffolk University and an Intake Specialist at Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnerships.

In her free time, Kerri enjoys crafting, crocheting, and sewing. She attends many craft fairs and sells handmade items like repurposed t-shirt handbags, painted glasses, and catnip owls. Kerri is a talented painter—she even does pet portraits! Kerri and her husband Lee recently moved to Newton, NH, where they live with their cats Andromeda and Prairie (an MRFRS alum who has radial hypoplasia), pup Rigby, and bunny Ruby.

Be sure to say hi to Kerri if you stop by the Catmobile office! If you're lucky, you may be able to say hello to Prairie too—she comes to the office occasionally to “help” with the paperwork!



SO MANY WAYS TO HELP!

We want to remind you about some of the many ways you can support the cats of the MRFRS, in addition to attending our events and donating to us. We bet one or two of these ideas will tickle your fancy!

If you do lots of online shopping, you should know about **iGive** and **Amazon Smile**. Through both of these platforms, you can select MRFRS as your preferred charity and every time you buy something, a portion of the money you spend will be donated to MRFRS. It's a no-brainer...and these small amounts add up to make a real difference.

And speaking of Amazon, we have a “**wish list**” all set up there with some of the essentials we need for both the shelter and the Catmobiles. On any given day, we need everything from cleaning supplies to cat food to batteries! When you purchase something on our list, Amazon takes care of shipping these items directly to us, so it's a no-hassle way to give. To access our Amazon “wish list,” visit www.mrfrs.org/wish-list/.

If you have a car, truck, or boat that's ready for, ahem, retirement, donate it to MRFRS through our **Vehicle Donation Program**. The paperwork is easy to fill out, the vehicle will be picked up at your convenience, and you'll receive a tax deduction for the full amount that the vehicle is sold for. One of our donors said, “This was ten times easier than trying to sell our old car privately...and they sold it for an awesome price!”

If you do a lot of dining and shopping around Greater Newburyport, snag a **Newburyport VIP Card** for \$25, and \$10 of that will be donated back to MRFRS. The card will help you save money at 180 area businesses, support our wonderful local entrepreneurs, and raise money for our kitties...it's a win-win-win! You can download a flyer listing all of the participating businesses and order your card right from the MRFRS website.

And, of course, **we're always looking for volunteers**. Depending upon your interests, there are lots of roles to play: helping care for cats, assisting with special events, answering phones and performing administrative tasks, staffing our Sunday feral spay/neuter clinics, feeding feral cats at local feeding stations, or lending a helping paw with our wonderful Donation Can program.

Save The Dates!

• Saturday, September 3rd

MRFRS FALL PLANT SALE, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at 63 Elm Street, Salisbury. Time to stock up on those mums! Come by the adoption center and shop for beautiful color to decorate your home for the crisp fall weather. Check back later this summer for more information!

• Saturday, September 10th

MRFRS FALL YARD SALE, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at 63 Elm Street, Salisbury. All proceeds benefit cats and kittens in need! Donations can be dropped off starting August 20th until the day before the sale under the stairs behind the building. Come on out and find some treasures!

• Sunday, September 11th

PET FIRST AID & CPR CLASS, 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Hilton Senior Center, 43 Lafayette Road (Route 1), Salisbury. Have you ever wanted to learn how to care for your pet in an emergency? Here's your chance—and a portion of the proceeds will benefit MRFRS! This intensive class is just \$80 for the general public, \$65 for MRFRS volunteers! More information to come!

• Sunday, October 16th

Fall Rabies and Microchipping Clinic, 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Hilton Senior Center, 43 Lafayette Road (Route 1), Salisbury. Our clinic makes it convenient and affordable to get your cat or dog a rabies vaccination (\$10) and/or a microchip (\$15). Check our website for more info!

• Saturday, October 29th

22nd ANNUAL MRFRS FUR BALL AUCTION & GALA at Blue Ocean Music Hall, 4 Oceanfront North, Salisbury. A festive fundraising evening of food and drink, plus live and silent auctions. If you're interested in being a Fur Ball sponsor or donating an item to our auction, please contact us at furball@mrfrs.org.

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