

MRFRS



Resource Handbook

General Information

Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society
63 Elm St., (Route 110 East)
Salisbury, MA 01952
978-462-0760
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Mission Statement:

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

MRFRS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization. All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

Hours of operation:

Salisbury

Tuesday – Friday
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday & Monday
By appointment

PETsMART Adoption Center, Danvers

978-223-0023
Marion Horrocks

Tuesday - Friday
11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 11:00 – 4:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Note: Cats may always be viewed in their cages during PETsMART's normal operating hours. However, counselors are only on duty during our hours of operation.

Directions:

To Salisbury

From Route 95:

Take Exit 58A (Route 110 East) Salisbury. Continue on 110 East for approximately 1.6 miles. Shelter is on the right just beyond the Steven Christmas Tree Farm.

From Route 495:

Take Exit #55 to Route 110 East. Continue on 110 East for approximately 3.0 miles. Shelter is on the right just beyond the Steven Christmas Tree Farm.

To PETsMART, Danvers

Rt. 114

104 Andover Street

Danvers, MA 01923

978-774-3694

From I-95 North, take exit 47A (Rte. 114 East) toward Peabody. PETsMART will be on your right, 0.6 miles from the exit. There is no exit for Route 114 from I-95 South. Take exit 50 toward Rte. 62/Middleton/Danvers, and merge onto Route 1 South. From Route 1 South, take the 114 East exit toward Peabody.

Frequently Asked General Questions

How was MRFRS founded? What does the organization do?

MRFRS was founded in 1992 in response to growth in the feral or homeless cat population along the Merrimack River in Newburyport. This growth resulted in widespread disease, malnutrition, and death in the feral cat population which endangered the health and well-being of Newburyport's residential cat population. The MRFRS began a trap, neuter, and return (TNR) program for these cats in 1992 with feeding stations where the cats are fed twice a day. We now have programs in Essex County, Southern NH, Merrimack River Valley, Haverhill, and Lawrence.

How and what do you operate?

We are a volunteer organization that maintains a no-kill adoption center with two adoption locations, Salisbury and PetsMart in Danvers. Our other major programs are:

- A sanctuary for special needs and feral cats in Danville, NH
- A feral trap, vaccinate, neuter, and release program
- A spay/neuter program for ferals
- A foster home program for healthy and special needs cats and kittens
- A barn program for feral relocation

How many cats and kittens have gone through the MRFRS system?

We have placed 13,000 cats and kittens into homes, and have spayed or neutered over 6000 feral cats.

Does MRFRS accept monetary donations? How does one go about making a donation?

Donations are gratefully accepted. MRFRS is funded solely by private donations and grants. Donors may make a donation by credit card either online on the MRFRS website, or by calling the main shelter. Donations may also be made by check which should be made out to MRFRS and mailed to the Salisbury address. **MRFRS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization. All donations are tax deductible.**

Memorial donations and gift donations are also accepted. For a memorial donation, please note the name of the cat and the family and they will be listed on our website if the donation is over \$25. To make a gift donation in the name of a friend or a cat, attach a note with the appropriate address information and they will receive an acknowledgement card. We will also send out a card for donations in honor of the holidays.

Individuals may also sponsor cats through the Safe Circle sponsorship program and make donations to the Captain Courageous Fund (see Ferals Program section for details). Individuals interested in donating stock or making a bequest to MRFRS should contact us for information.

Does the shelter accept donations of supplies?

Yes, we have a wish list of needed items. Donations can be dropped off at the shelter in Salisbury, PetsMart in Danvers, or our donation barrels at Market Basket in Rowley, and Shaw's in Seabrook, NH and Newburyport:

- Cat food in big cans for the 400+ cats we care for on a daily basis. We accept all brands and all sizes of cans, but prefer the large cans. We also go through a lot of Figaro cat food for trapping and our sick kitties.(We use about 30 cases of wet food a week at a cost of \$360)
- Dry cat food. We accept all brands (We use 120lbs of dry food at a cost of \$150 a week)
- Cat litter (pine and cedar, non-clumping, clumping). We use over 300lbs of litter a week
- Bleach (we use 4 gallons a week)
- Paper towels
- Towels (greatest need at our location at PETsMART in Danvers, but we also need them in Salisbury)
- Laundry Detergent (we accept all brands and types)
- Odo-Ban cleaner
- Dish Washing liquid
- Tru-catch traps and transfer cages (Available from ACES equipment, 30ltd size. traps are \$45 and transfer cages are \$30)
- Surgical supplies for our Sunday spay/neuter clinics (email spayday@mrfrs.org for a more detailed listing)
- Small litter pans
- Trash Bags (Kitchen and Leaf size)
- Cat playpens for our barn program (\$120). Available at PETCO and PETsMART.
- Rubber gloves (all sizes for our shelters and spay/neuter clinics)
- Large cotton balls & Q-tips
- Floor mops
- Multicolor Card stock (Salmon, White, Blue & Yellow 8-1/2 X 11)
- Zip-lock sandwich bags (small & large)
- Pocket Folders (gray or blue)
- Plywood, 2 x 4s, indoor/outdoor carpeting, styrofoam insulation and roof shingles for feeding stations, dog houses and igloos for our feral cat colonies.
- Storage Tubs
- Bricks

MRFRS Meet and Greet Questions and Answers:

These are the responses to commonly asked questions that you should provide to the public and on the phone.

I need to give up my cat. Can you take him?

If you are a resident of the towns of Salisbury, Newburyport, Newbury, West Newbury, Amesbury or you are a volunteer or a donor to the society we will send you a surrender waiting list form or it can be downloaded off of our website at www.mrfrs.org. Once the form is received and the materials are reviewed we will call you or email you with notification on whether or not we can take the kitty in. In the summer months our waiting list can be very long so we would also recommend holding onto your cat until the fall for placement. We also would recommend that you advertise your cat up for adoption at local veterinarians as well as go to Pets911 or Petfinder for listings of other adoption centers. You can email stacy@mrfrs.org with questions.

Response for an emergency: If your cat is in our service area (volunteers, donors, towns listed above) contact Stacy at 978-239-2090 or email at stacy@mrfrs.org. If the kitty is in distress please direct this person to immediately contact their animal control officer in the town they are in for immediate assistance. If they need to find a placement immediately for this kitty you can recommend that they go to pets911.com or petfinder.org to see a full listing of adoption centers in MA and NH.

If I need low cost medical assistance for my cat how do I get that?

For Immediate Veterinary Assistance please contact www.fveap.org, Feline Veterinary Assistance Program for Cats Only.

www.uan.org is a lifeline program that can help too.

Frequently Asked Medical Questions

What is FIV?

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), also known as Feline AIDS, is a virus that may eventually suppress the immune system of the carrier animal.

- FIV is spread through blood to blood or saliva to blood contact. The primary means of spreading this virus is through deep bite wounds, as the virus must directly enter the bloodstream in order to potentially infect another cat. Everyday cat activities such as sharing food bowls and litter boxes or mutual grooming will not transmit the virus.
- Between 60-70% of the adult cat community has a natural immunity to the virus.

- FIV is not contagious to people, dogs, or other non-feline pets.
- There is no cure for FIV, but 90% of positive testing cats will lead long, healthy, normal lives if they are well loved and well cared for.

What is FeLV?

- Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV), is a virus that may eventually suppress the immune system of the carrier animal. The most common secondary disease that affects the cat is cancer.
- The FeLV virus is present in the saliva, blood, urine, and feces of an infected cat. For the virus to spread to another cat, prolonged contact is most likely necessary. Mutual grooming is the most common means of transmission.
- Between 60-70% of the adult cat community has a natural immunity to the virus.
- There is a vaccine for FeLV, but it is only reported as being 60-90% effective.
- The life expectancy of an adult cat with FeLV varies tremendously, given that there are several strains of the virus, some being more debilitating to the cat than others. With a less aggressive infection, the cat could live many happy years.

Can you recommend a veterinarian?

We don't make specific recommendations. You can go to the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association at www.massvet.org, where you can search a database and find a veterinarian of your choice. You can search by location, practice type and specialty.

My cat is having behavioral problems. What should I do?

We recommend that you seek the advice of your veterinarian first since we can't diagnose any behavioral issues. If you would like to do additional reading, we recommend that you purchase *Twisted Whiskers* by Pam Johnson (we sell it at MRFRS for \$13). The author is a feline behavior consultant.

Many people want to surrender cats to us with behavioral issues and I usually tell them that if they are having a problem at home as an only cat or with a few, then just think how they would be with 30-40 other loose cats in the house..... That usually convinces people to keep trying other alternatives. Also, Dr. Karen Komisar in Danvers is an excellent homeopathic vet as are Dr. Nancy Crowley in Beverly and Dr. Regina Downey at Coastal Animal Clinic in Salisbury.

Adoption Program

What is the process for adopting a cat?

The applicant must fill out an adoption application either online at www.mrfrs.org or through a paper application from Salisbury or the offsite adoption center at PETSMART in Danvers. An adoption counselor will review the application to determine if any additional information is required. All applicants must be 18 years of age or older. The application process usually takes 2-5 days and the applicant will be notified by telephone once their application is either approved or denied. **If an applicant is interested in a particular cat, he or she must leave a \$25 deposit to place the cat on hold.** If the application is denied, the deposit will be returned. If the application is approved but the applicant decides not to adopt the cat, the deposit is forfeited. An applicant may have an approved application put on file for future use if he or she has not decided upon a specific animal at the time of application.

For a **same-day** adoption of a cat/kitten, the applicant must bring proof of vaccinations for any other owned pets, permission from a landlord that pets are allowed (if they rent), and three references not related to the applicant.

Adoption fees are as follows:

- Kittens (5 months or less): \$175
- Adults: \$100
- Special needs cats: \$50

A discounted adoption fee for two cats is available. For example the fee for two adult cats would be \$175, a discount of \$25.

We accept cash, check, Mastercard or Visa.

The adoption fee includes testing for feline leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), spay/neuter rabies and distemper vaccinations.

Some cats and kittens may not be able to receive all of these vaccines and it will become the adopter's responsibility to make sure their new cat's vaccines are tended to. All new parents receive a health record stating what vaccines and treatment the cat has had.

Where else can I go to adopt a cat in this area? (continued on next page)

Shelter	Dogs/Cats/+	No-kill	Town	Phone-
Ellen Gifford Sheltering Home for Cats	Cats	Yes	Boston (Brighton)	617-787-8872
New England Haven for Animals	Cats/Dogs/+	Yes	Boston (Dorchester)	617-288-5673
MSPCA, Boston	Cats/Dogs	No	Boston (Jamaica Plain)	617-522-7400
Second Chance Shelter for Cats Cats	Cats/Dogs	Yes	Boston (Jamaica Plain)	617-522-1852
City of Boston Adoption Center	Cats/Dogs	No	Boston (Roslindale)	617-635-1800
Animal Rescue League of Boston	Cats	No	Boston (South End)	617-426-9170
MSPCA – Methuen	Cats	No	North – Methuen	978-687-7453
MSPCA - Centerville	Cats	No	North - Centerville	508-775-0940
Pat Brody Shelter for Cats	Cats	Yes	North - Lunenburg	978-582-6116
Animal Umbrella	Cats/Dogs/+	Yes	North - Lynn	617-731-7267
Friends of Marblehead... Animals	Cats	Yes	North - Marblehead	781-631-8664
Melrose Humane Society	Cats	Yes	North - Melrose	781-662-3224
Northeast Animal Shelter	Cats	Yes	North - Salem	978-745-9888
Merrimack River Feline Rescue	Cats	Yes	North - Salisbury	978-462-0760
Safe Harbor for Animals	Cats	Yes	North - Somerville	617-625-7332
PAWS	Cats	Yes	North - Wakefield	781-246-6111
Kitty LoveCat Shelter	Cats	Yes	North - Wilmington	978-657-0967
Pawsafe	Cats	Yes	North -Medford	978-582-4539
Kitty Angels	Cats	Yes	Northwest -Tyngsboro	978-649-4681
Animal Rescue League of Brewster	Cats/Dogs/+	No	South - Brewster	508-255-1030
MSPCA - Brockton	Cats/Dogs/+	No	South - Brockton	508-586-2053
Neponset Valley Humane Society	Cats	Yes	South - Canton	508-261-9924
Carver Animal Shelter	Cats/Dogs/+	No	South - Carver	508-866-3444
Animal Rescue League of Boston	Cats/Dogs/+	No	South - Dedham	781-326-0729
Animal Rescue League of Fall River	Cats/Dogs/+	No	South - Fall River	508-676-1061
Last Resort Shelter for Cats	Cats/Dogs	Cats	South - Hanover	781-826-9560
All Paws Rescue		Yes	South - Hingham	781-749-0968
Just Cats		Yes	South - Mansfield	508-339-6717
Purr-fect Cat Shelter	Cats	Yes	South - Medway	508-533-5855
Milton Humane Society	Cats/Dogs	Yes	South - Milton	617-698-0413
Animal Rescue League of New Bedford	Cats/Dogs/+	No	South - New Bedford	508-999-2349

Spay/Neuter Program

I can't afford to spay/neuter my cat. What should I do?

We recommend The Stop Clinic which is located in Boston, they have a van that travels around the area and does s/n . You can call them at 617-571-7151 to find out when they are going to be in your area and make an appointment or go to their web site

www.thestopclinic.com .

Animal Rescue League of Boston Spay Waggin of Boston, can be reached at 877-590-spay who also has a mobile clinic.

What is the MRFRS Sunday spay/neuter program for feral cats?

We offer Sunday spay/neuter clinics, the purpose of which is to sterilize and vaccinate as many feral cats as possible. Clinics are always held on a Sunday.

Qualified cats

- Homeless, unowned and free-roaming un-socialized feral.
- At least 4 lbs. (due to the anesthesia we use).
- Appears healthy.
- To be released back into its home colony, which will be managed.

Non-Qualified cats

- Owned or possibly owned.
- To be adopted out or in foster care waiting possible placement.
- To be euthanized by an animal control facility.
- Does not appear healthy.

Many caretakers are bonded to their feral cats and think of them as “pets”, claiming they can touch them when eating, the cats come inside for a while, don't have to be trapped, etc. Ask questions to get beyond the “pet” designation. If the cat is truly a pet, other low cost spay/neuter programs, such as the Friends of Animals, are appropriate, not the Sunday Spay/Neuter Clinics.

Sunday Spay/Neuter Clinics are free, but donations are welcome.

People associated with the Clinics do not trap, lend traps or advise how to trap.

Clinic treatments include: A brief examination, spay/neuter, rabies and distemper vaccines, flea and ear mite treatments, and the left ear is tipped (3/8” is taken off the top of the ear) for identification that the cat has been sterilized and vaccinated. No other diagnostic services or treatments are given. Tests for FIV and Feline Leukemia are not done.

Cats must be brought to and picked up at the Clinic site, which varies month to month. The cats must be in a trap (no cat carriers) and have not eaten in the last 12 hours.

Contacts (these will change):

Clinic Coordinator: Margaret Brender at spayneuter@mrfrs.org or 978-462-0760.

What are other locations for feral spay/neuter clinics in the Boston area?

South Boston

Alliance for Animals Metro Action Clinic

232 Silver Street

617-268-7800

Surgery \$40

Vaccines \$10

Eartip – no charge, all cats in traps

Surgery days vary, appointments necessary.

Drop-off between 8:00 – 9:00.

Pickup: varies. Boarding available overnight is free (with surgery) if pickup time extends past 7PM, and is available for \$5 otherwise.

Boston

Animal Rescue League of Boston Spay Waggin' 877-590-7729

Mobile spay/neuter vans, at regular sites around Boston. Call for appointments around the first of the month, for an appointment the following month. Cats can get pregnant at 5 months, so don't delay.

\$40 covers all services – surgery, vaccines, test, eartip if requested, microchip. If the cat tests positive for Feline Leukemia or Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (common in active tomcats), they'll tell you to euthanize him or bring him indoors.

Dedham

Animed Pet Hospital, 918 Providence Hwy (Rte 1N)

Call HubCats, 617-524-2867 to arrange for an appointment. \$50-\$60 for surgery and vaccines.

Mid State Mobile-Dr. Michelle Bianco 978-660-2704

The Stop Clinic- Dr. Ann Marie Roche- [www. Stopclinic.com](http://www.Stopclinic.com)

Feral Program

What is the difference between a feral cat and a socialized or semi-feral cat?

A feral cat is one that has been abandoned by its human caregivers and has reverted back to its innate, wild instincts in order to survive. It can also be the offspring of abandoned cats and may never have had contact with humans. A socialized or semi-feral cat is one that has received its initial “human touch,” love, and attention in the home of a feral foster family. The foster family has worked with its feral charge, gradually and gently handling the cat and proceeding at a pace that is comfortable for the cat, in order to gain its trust and help it adjust to “domesticated” life.

I have ferals in my back yard: Please refer to our website at www.mrfrs.org and for any questions email us at ferals@mrfrs.org.

Can I adopt a socialized feral cat?

A “socialized” feral is not the right cat for everyone. Households with very young children or where there is a lot of activity, homes with many other companion animals, or those people who expect an “instant” lap cat – will probably want to adopt a more domesticated cat. But for those people who are willing to extend their compassion to these special cats and give them patience and understanding, along with much love, the bond that can develop between a feral and its human guardian is a wonderful reward.

How can I help the feral cats in my neighborhood?

We have a Feral Cat Colony Information Sheet that can be downloaded from our website at www.mrfrs.org. Please fill this form out and return it to us by mail, e-mail, or fax.

We recommend that anyone interested in learning more about community efforts to help needy cats, should join the Mass Cats Yahoo online group. Mass Cats is a network of caring people helping cats, covering Massachusetts and bordering states. Sign up by sending an e-mail to: masscats-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Do you rent out traps?

Yes, we do. It is \$5 to rent a trap for a wk with a deposit left. If you are an MRFRS volunteer the rent is waived as long as we have volunteer information on file.

What services does MRFRS provide for feral cats?

SAFE (Shelter And Food are Essential) is a sponsorship program to help us provide the necessities and more to our “less domestic” cats. We serve hundreds of cats every year who, for a variety of reasons, need long-term support and care. In our SAFE Circle, we

“match friends like you with one of our special cats, through your “sponsorship” of its care. (See next question for details.)

Our Managed Colonies Program cares for over 100 cats in Newburyport and other locations in the Merrimack Valley by maintaining feeding stations and shelters for them throughout the year. We also provide medical and veterinary care for the cats in these close-knit colonies, many of whom have been our “friends” for years. Many of the cats in our feral colonies have been with us for 5 years or more. The nourishment we provide sustains them, and the small shelters built by volunteers offer the cats shelter from inclement weather.

At the MRFRS Sanctuary in Danville, New Hampshire, rescued feral cats can find safety, care, and a little pampering in this cageless yet protected habitat. This shelter can be a home for over 50 felines.

How can I provide monetary support for feral cats?

MRFRS recommends two programs to which you can donate: the SAFE Circle Sponsorship Program and the Captain Courageous Fund.

The SAFE Circle Sponsorship Program serves to provide for unadoptable (feral or special needs) cats that require long-term support and care. Sponsors will be matched with a special cat. As a sponsor you will receive a certificate of sponsorship, a photo of your sponsored cat, and periodic updates on your cat, and the MRFRS newsletter.

The Captain Courageous Fund was established to assist with medical expenses for homeless, feral, and abandoned cats. The fund is administered by a committee of MRFRS volunteers. Its only source of income is through donations from individuals; there are no grants and the MRFRS doesn't provide funds. Because the funds are limited, its focus is on HFA cats in the greater Newburyport area, which is defined as Newburyport and its contiguous towns (Newbury, Amesbury, Salisbury, West Newbury). However, the committee will consider requests outside this area if they can.

In order for a request to be considered, it should include a history of the cat, description of the illness/injury, diagnosis, prognosis, the future of the cat (where will it go after it receives medical treatment, can it be released back to the colony, etc.), and a copy of the medical bill(s). This information should be sent to:

Daphne Neville
One Beacon Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

It can be sent to her electronically instead, if the medical bill is scanned. Her home e-mail address is daphine@comcast.net.

What is the Barn Placement and Feral Relocation Program?

This program was established to help place feral cats from colonies that would otherwise starve or be euthanized. It is an excellent solution for barn owners who might have a rodent problem. All you have to do is agree to take a minimum of two cats, fill out an adoption application, and have a barn site inspection. After receipt of a completed application, you will receive a set of *MRFRS Barn Placement Guidelines* explaining how to acclimate the cats into your barn. All cats are tested for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus, given their initial distemper and rabies vaccines, and spayed or neutered prior to placement. After your application is approved and a site inspection is satisfactorily completed, a kitty playpen, bedding, litter-box and food dishes, provided by the MRFRS, will be set up in your barn. The cats are kept in the playpen for 5 weeks. This allows the cats to bond with their new caretaker and become familiar with their new surroundings. If possible, after the 5 weeks, the cats should have a room or a stall that is completely enclosed for them to be released into and that will enable you to keep them in at night.

Where can I learn more about feral cats?

The following websites may be helpful:

www.Secondchancecats.petfinder.org Based in Jamaica Plain, this no-kill shelter has a TNR program

www.Hubcats.petfinder.org A Boston feral-savvy shelter/TNR program that offers advice and expertise

www.MassAnimalCoalition.org A statewide not-for-profit organization of animal professionals. The Massachusetts Animal Coalition is highly supportive of the TNR method.

www.Alleycat.org Alley Cat Allies is a national nonprofit clearinghouse for information on feral and stray cats

www.NeighborhoodCats.org Promotes trap-neuter-return ("TNR") as the most humane and effective means of solving New York City's severe feral cat overpopulation crisis

Fundraising

What are some of your upcoming 2006 fundraising events?

The Annual Wine and Chocolate Tasting

Friday, February 10, 2006 at the Newburyport City Hall on Pleasant St. From 6 – 10 pm

The Strut for Strays on June 1, 2007

The Annual Fur Ball on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at the Newburyport City Hall

Volunteering

What volunteer opportunities are there at MRFRS?

We have numerous volunteer opportunities. We ask that individuals commit to volunteering at least one day per month. Prospective volunteers may fill out a Volunteer Application form in Salisbury or online at http://mrfrs.org/volunteer_info_application.pdf. Submit the completed online application by e-mailing it directly to **mrfrs@mrfrs.org** or by clicking on the e-mail icon on the toolbar.

Volunteering options include:

- *Volunteering at the adoption centers in Salisbury and PETsMART-Danvers*
during the morning and in the early evening, seven days per week there are people who come to the shelter and help us keep a safe, clean and comfortable environment for the cats. The cats are given hands-on interaction so that they learn to feel comfortable and loved. Volunteers who work on the cage cleaning and feeding usually spend about two hours making the shelter clean and orderly for the comfort of the cats. After feeding, most of the cats are let out together for exercise and play while we clean their cages. There are numerous little tasks and fix-it projects that we can use help with. Most people come in once per week although others prefer to come more frequently to be with the cats. If interested, leave a message at Salisbury for Janet Rogers.
- *Feral feeding*
We are always in need of responsible individuals to feed our feral cats that live in managed colonies in the Newburyport area. As a volunteer for our feral-cat program, you will be feeding "your" feral cats at a scheduled time each week at a designated location. Our cats are fed food and fresh water in the morning and again in the late afternoon/early evening. The food is donated by MRFRS

- supporters and can be picked up by the feral feeders at the MRFRS shelter. Typically, our volunteer feeders commit to **one or two feedings a week**, depending on their personal schedules and commitments. When a volunteer is unable to feed, she/he calls a substitute (usually another feeder for that location). Each location has a volunteer coordinator, and the feral program itself is overseen by the program coordinator. We feed our cats every day year-round, including holidays. Our feeders monitor the ferals, and if any exhibit illness or injury, they are given medical attention. If interested, leave a message at the adoption center for Daphne Neville, or call her at (978) 465-1195.
- *Foster homes*
We need foster homes for our kittens, adult cats, elderly cats, ferals and special needs (Felv, FIV and diabetic) cats. We ask in most cases that you keep the cats separate from your other cats. If interested, leave a message at Salisbury for Diane Wheeler.
 - *Sunday spay/neuter clinic*
We need volunteer veterinarians, veterinary technicians, trappers, transporters and holders of the feral cats for the Sunday spay/neuter clinics. We also need general assistants to clean and move cages, monitor and track recovering cats, and assist with a variety of clinic-related tasks. As for non-clinical tasks, we need help with transport of medical supplies to and from the clinic, and people to coordinate and donate lunch. If interested, leave a message at Salisbury for Margaret Brender.
 - *Adoption Counselors*
Adoption counselors are needed for the Salisbury and PETSMART adoption centers, and for offsite adoptions at PETCO, one Saturday per month. If interested, leave a message at Salisbury for Stacy LeBaron.
 - *Donation Can Collectors*
Pick up our donation cans from area businesses once a month. If interested, leave a message at the adoption center for Gaye DiGiorgio.
 - *Trapping*
We are also in need of responsible individuals to help trap ferals. This involves any of the following: Monitoring traps to ensure that cats are not left in the traps unattended; transporting trapped cats to a holding place, such as a foster home or the MRFRS shelter; transporting trapped cats to and from a spay/neuter clinic or veterinarian; providing a holding place for a trapped feral until it can be neutered and/or released to the colony. If interested, leave a message at the adoption center.

Other possible volunteer opportunities include: fundraising, helping with special events, photography, grant writing, PR, graphic design, data entry, mailings, making phone calls, purchasing supplies, transporting animals, administering meds.

