



Mission

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 proactive, compassionate, no-kill programs.

History

Founded in 1992 in Newburyport, Massachusetts to address the feral and homeless cat population on the Newburyport waterfront.

Services

- Adoption Center/Shelter
- Surrenders (stray and owned cats)
- Foster Care
- TNR Support (trap rental and instruction)
- Behavior Resource Hotline
- Low-cost rabies & microchipping clinics for cats and dogs 2 clinics each year
- “Bridge Program” foster care for cats with owners in emergency situations
- Catmobile operating throughout Eastern MA
Mobile clinic provides low-cost cat spay/neuter for stray/feral, owned and shelter cats

Service Area

Adoption Center intake program serves Essex County coastal region including: Amesbury, Byfield, Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury, West Newbury, and Seabrook, New Hampshire.

Catmobile travels to over 30 cities and towns throughout eastern and central Massachusetts.

Animal Census

CATS IN CARE AS OF 5/31/18: 202

- Incoming: 572
- Adoptions: 626
- Reunited with Owners: 19
- Re-released: 2
- Euthanized: 21 (medical)
- Died in care: 9

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY:

- Adult Cats: 42 days
- Kittens: 40 days

Governance

MRFRS is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization with an eight-member governing board. EIN: 04-3172322

Spay/Neuter Statistics

- Owned: 2,310
- MRFRS: 204
- Feral/Stray cats: 655
- Cats from other organizations: 382

TOTAL: 3,551

Note: MRFRS suffered the loss of one Catmobile due to an engine fire in 2017, reducing spay/neuter activity and impacting financial performance.

Special Programs

- CARE FOR LIFE
Sheltering and adoption of Feline Leukemia-positive cats and cats with other chronic health issues, with lifetime coverage of associated vet care costs
- CCF [CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS FUND]
Assists caretakers of feral and unowned strays
- FARS [FELINE ASSISTANCE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT]
Subsidized veterinary care for low-income cat owners
- SENIORS FOR SENIORS
Fee-waived adoptions for people over 60 adopting cats over five years old

Volunteers

- Shelter cat care, foster families, Sunday feral clinics, and other activities : 371
- Approximate hours donated annually (all activities): 22,000

Staff

- 16 member staff; 5 full-time, 11 part-time

Curt Rogers, Executive Director
Cindy Bernard, Catmobile Hotline Operator
Marty Bowers, Shelter Admin & Facilities Assistant
Dr. Deborah Brady, Catmobile Veterinarian
Lucy Devlin, Cat Care Coordinator
Gloria Everett, Adoption Counselor
Jen Frey, Cat Care Coordinator
Xarifa Grandmaison, Development Support
Britney Fox Hover, Shelter Manager & Medical Coordinator
Casey Levis, Catmobile Veterinarian Technician
Patty Lyon, Catmobile Veterinarian Technician
Joan McCormack, Adoption Coordinator
Gaye Piechowiak, Adoption Counselor & Cat Care Coordinator
Janet Rogers, Shelter Volunteer Coordinator & Cat Care
Maryann Skinnion, Catmobile Hotline Operator
Melissa Whitherspoon, Medical Assistant



Physical Plant and Vehicles

Conveniently located from Routes 95 and 495 on Route 110 East in Salisbury, MA, the shelter is a converted residence with approximately 2,000 square feet of usable space. The physical plant, situated on .5 acres of land, includes: four cage-less colony adoption rooms (which double as offices and a reception area) on the main floor, and an intake room accommodating up to 12 cats, an isolation room with caging for 10 cats, a small laundry area, supply room (which doubles as an office), two storage rooms and one dedicated office located on the basement level. Onsite parking accommodates approximately 10 vehicles.

MRFRS operates a mobile spay/neuter clinic known as a “Catmobile”. This 33-foot long vehicle is a customized clinic space, integrated with a 2012 Ford engine. The Catmobile requires a stationary charging center. The shelter maintains a charging station on site and MRFRS maintains a second one in Holliston, MA.

Finances FY 2018

BUDGET:	\$1,031,555	
REVENUE:	\$1,262,431	
Fee for Service/ Program Revenue:	\$353,671	28%
Contributions & Events:	\$466,511	37%
Grants:	\$74,500	6%
Bequests:	\$280,793	22%
Investments:	\$13,581	1%
Insurance loss proceeds:	\$73,375	6%
EXPENSES:	\$1,007,453	
Animal Care and Programming:	\$747,674	74%
General and Administrative:	\$173,832	17%
Fundraising:	\$85,947	9%
Audited Financials Available for 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013		



Collaborations

- Intakes: 30 agencies statewide
- Spay/Neuter
 - Baypath Humane Society
 - Charles River Alley Cats
 - Fitchburg Friends of Felines
 - Lowell Humane Society
 - MSPCA Boston and Nevins Farm
 - Quincy Animal Shelter
 - 31 other groups statewide
- Animal Control
 - Towns of: Amesbury, Boxford, Gardner Merrimac, Newburyport, Salisbury
- Other
 - Newbury Animal Hospital
 - Salisbury Council on Aging

Partnerships

MSPCA NEVINS FARM
Activity: Monthly feral spay/neuter clinics at Nevins conducted by MRFRS & MSPCA volunteers; program serves 350+ animals annually

Lifetime Total of Cats Assisted

- Total cats assisted since 1992: 120,975
Largest categories of assistance:
 - Adoption: 21,477
 - Spay/neuter: 72,301

Memberships

- Massachusetts Animal Coalition (MAC)
- Newburyport Chamber of Commerce
- Salisbury Chamber of Commerce
- Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce

Special Distinctions or Notables

- 9,781 Facebook followers/MRFRS (August 2018)
- 7,026 Facebook followers/Catmobile (August 2018)

MRFRS Mentoring Program
Initiated in 2012 for animal rescues nationwide to enhance spay/neuter initiatives and capacity building; through 2015 MRFRS assisted 22 groups, impacting 9,000+ animals.

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