



# The FAACS Newsletter

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of the FAACS Newsletter! This is a place for our Members to communicate through stories, news and interesting information relating to feral and abandoned cats. A new edition will be issued every three months. If you have a story, news or information to share, please send your submission to: [faacsociety@gmail.com](mailto:faacsociety@gmail.com)

## Breaking News

The Feral and Abandoned Cat Society has just received notice that it has been granted charitable status. Going forward, the Society will now have the privilege of being able to issue charitable tax receipts to our donors!

## Top Story of the Summer

The Nova Scotia SPCA – Cape Breton Branch announced in August that it has received a grant of \$181,000 from PetSmart Charities for the construction of a new low cost spay and neuter clinic at the shelter site in Sydney. Construction will begin this Fall. FAACS President, Carmen Dunn commented, “Our goal is to spay or neuter 1,000 homeless cats each year. Having access to low cost spay neuter services will allow for our donations and fundraising dollars to go much further toward this goal.”

## Upcoming Events

View the FAACS events calendar at [www.faacs.ca](http://www.faacs.ca)

*(In the Calendar, from the Select Category drop down menu, ensure that FAACS is selected, then press Go)*

## TNR Count

Total # of cats trapped for veterinarian care through our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program since operations began in November 2012

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## Member's Meetings

FAACS Members meet once a month to report on our Trap-Neuter-Return program and discuss current events, opportunities and challenges related to our activities. Anyone from the public is welcome to attend. Upcoming Meetings are scheduled as follows:

**Wednesday, September 10 @ 6:30pm**

**Wednesday, October 15 @ 6:30pm**

**Wednesday, November 12 @ 6:30pm**

**Tuesday, December 9 @ 6:30pm**

All meetings will be held in the Community Room upstairs in Sobeys on Prince Street in Sydney.

## “Pawsitive” Story Winston Finds His “Purr Box”

*Submitted by Deana Lloyd*

Some of you might know my cat Winston. He was the cat in the hedge for 18 months. He would come down for food only. It was another year of daily attempts to socialize him. In this time he was trapped, neutered and needled. Then one day he decided he was moving in and I could touch him all in the same day! He was socially awkward but knew instantly that the bed was far better than under a shed.

For the past 16 months Winston has fallen asleep each night with his head in my hand. And now, after all this time, I am so pleased and overwhelmed with joy that he has finally found his purr box...wow! He started 2 days ago and hasn't stopped. He has turned into such a beautiful boy!!

Give a stray or feral a chance....the outcome is so rewarding ♡



### ***Did You Know....?***

#### **October 16<sup>th</sup> is Feral Cat Day**

Feral Cat Day was first created in 2001 by Alley Cat Allies. They are a national advocacy organization in the United States, dedicated to the humane treatment and protection of feral cats. They were the first organization to introduce the Trap-Neuter-Return method to control feral cat colonies in America.

Alley Cat Allies have many helpful reference materials available at [www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org)

## Featured Volunteer

*Susan Young*

Susan Young is a Director for the Society and the head of our Trapping Committee. As the head trapper, Susan maintains the FAACS master list of locations where feral and abandoned cats are living and require TNR. Each new location is assigned a number on our wait list and Susan works with the colony caretakers, our team of trappers, and our veterinarians to coordinate spay/neuter surgeries as funds allow. Each month Susan reconciles the veterinarian invoices and generates our monthly TNR statistics.

In addition to her duties with the Trapping Committee, Susan assists with fundraising and educational outreach opportunities.



### **Volunteer with Us!**

We welcome volunteers who can assist with:

- trapping
- fundraising activities
- development and presentation of educational materials
- pick-up and delivery of food donations
- construction and delivery of cat shelters
- graphic and web design

If you would like to volunteer, send us an e-mail at [faacsociety@gmail.com](mailto:faacsociety@gmail.com)

# FAACS in the Community



Education Committee members Margie T. MacDonald, Deana Lloy, Susan Young and Linda Fraser visited Sydney Mines Junior High in May to make a presentation to the school's "PAWS Club". More visits like this are planned for the upcoming school year.

Volunteers were busy fundraising throughout the summer with events including a yard sale & BBQ, bagging groceries, a car wash & BBQ and selling 50/50 tickets at various locations. Thank you to Deana Lloy, Pat Bisson, Sharon MacDougall and Anne Moffatt for organizing these events!



# COUNTRY EXPLOSION!

*A night of country-themed fun in support of the Feral and Abandoned Cat Society.*



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014**  
MEMBERTOU TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE  
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**CABARET SEATING - \$35.00 | 19YRS+**  
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DOORS - 7:00PM | LINE DANCING LESSONS - 7:45PM  
LIVE AUCTION - 8:30PM  
LIVE MUSIC & DANCE WITH "GONE COUNTRY" - 9:00PM  
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*Fun Fundraising Activities Throughout the Night*  
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Mechanical Bull | High Striker  /theFAACS



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