

**FERAL AND
ABANDONED
CAT SOCIETY**



The FAACS Newsletter

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Happy Anniversary!

On November 5, 2014 FAACS celebrated the two-year anniversary of the first cat neutered through our Trap-Neuter-Return program.



Baby, It's Cold Outside

Winter is an especially hard time for homeless cats. You can help by following these steps:

- Provide shelter to keep cats safe, warm and dry.
- Give cats extra food and water.
- Shovel out cat shelters after snow falls.
- Be mindful of hazards like antifreeze, salt, and chemical melting products.
- Before starting your car, check for cats under the hood and around tires.



TNR Count

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

1,474



Elusive Feral

Pictured is an extremely feral male that was trapped this fall from the Ashby area of Sydney. It took FAACS over a year of attempts to finally trap this "stud muffin" for neuter surgery!

Shelters Can Save Lives!



Statistics

Like us on Facebook or visit www.faacs.ca to find our latest TNR count.

**Feral and Abandoned Cat Society
Location Statistics on Cats Receiving TNR & Veterinarian Care
Reported as of November 30, 2014**

	Q1		Q3		Q3		Fiscal		Fiscal		Fiscal		Total Since Inception
	Total	Total	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	2015	Total	2014	Total	2013	Total	
Albert Bridge	2	0				0	2		4	0	0	6	
Alder Point	0	2				0	2		5	0	0	7	
Ashby	3	8	2	5		7	18		36	3	57		
Balls Creek	3	0				0	3		10	1	14		
Birch Grove	2	0	1			1	3		0	4	7		
Caledonia	0	0				0	0		11	0	11		
Coxheath	9	4		1		1	14		11	6	31		
Dominion	1	0				0	1		0	5	6		
Donkin	6	0				0	6		5	4	15		
East Bay	0	0	1			1	1		2	0	3		
Edwardsville	0	0				0	0		1	0	1		
Florence	0	0	1	1		2	2		0	0	2		
Frenchvale	5	0				0	5		2	16	23		
Gabarus	0	0				0	0		0	2	2		
Gardiner Mines	0	0				0	0		2	1	3		
Georges River	4	0				0	4		4	0	8		
Glace Bay	11	8	3	10		13	32		60	9	101		
Grand Lake RD	0	0	6	2		8	8		2	0	10		
HillsideBouland	0	1				0	1		1	0	2		
Irish Vale	0	0				0	0		1	0	1		
Lingan Road	0	0	1	1		2	2		2	6	10		
Little Pond	7	0	1			1	8		39	0	47		
Long Island	0	0				0	0		0	7	7		
Leiches Creek	2	0				0	2		0	0	2		
Louisbourg	0	30	4			4	34		0	1	35		
Marion Bridge	5	7		2		2	14		27	27	68		
Mira Road	5	3	3	1		4	12		11	0	23		
New Victoria	0	0	4	1		5	5		2	0	7		
New Waterford	22	15	12	3		15	52		84	31	167		
North Sydney	31	32	9	12		21	84		117	5	206		
Point Edward	6	2	1	2		3	11		1	1	13		
Port Morien	0	0	2			2	2		18	1	21		
Reserve Mines	5	1				0	6		6	0	12		
River Ryan	0	0				0	0		7	1	8		
Scotchtown	0	0	3	1		4	5		0	0	5		
South Bar	1	0		1		1	2		1	1	4		
Sydney	25	8	16	10		26	59		61	61	181		
Sydney Forks	0	0				0	0		7	0	7		
Sydney Mines	5	8		6		6	19		81	0	100		
Sydney River	3	2	2	1		3	8		3	4	15		
Sydport	0	0	2			2	2		11	10	23		
Tower Road	0	0	13			13	13		0	0	13		
Victoria Mines	0	0				0	0		1	0	1		
Westmount	0	0		2		2	2		19	6	27		
Whitney Pier	25	21	7	6		13	59		72	31	162		
Total	188	152	94	68	0	162	503		727	244	1474		

Featured Volunteer

Mary Slaven

Mary Slaven is a Director for the Society and one of FAACS' founding members. She is a trapper, who regularly feeds feral colonies and helps with FAACS fundraising. Mary recently became a volunteer at the local SPCA shelter as well. There she is learning about cleaning protocols and disease control while helping to care for the cats, and loyally advocates to help find them adoptive homes. Lucky cats!



Featured Volunteer

Sharon MacDougall

Sharon MacDougall is a volunteer with FAACS on the Northside. In addition to trapping and helping to feed feral colonies, Sharon can be regularly found fundraising at locations in Sydney Mines and North Sydney. Sharon and her helpers sell thousands of 50/50 tickets each month. This level of commitment has helped FAACS to spay and neuter many homeless cats!



Member's Meetings

FAACS Members meet once a month to report on our Trap-Neuter-Return program and to discuss current events, opportunities and challenges related to our activities. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

Monday, January 12, 2015 6:30PM

Monday, February 9, 2015 6:30PM

Monday, March 9, 2015 6:30PM

These meetings will be held at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre located at 50 Maillard Street in Sydney/Membertou. To see all upcoming meetings and events visit our website at www.faacs.ca.

Volunteer With Us!

We welcome volunteers who can assist with:

- Trapping and transporting cats
- Sourcing, pick-up and delivery of cat food donations
- Sourcing of donated building supplies and construction of cat shelters
- Fundraising through 50/50 sales, organizing events, etc.
- Educational presentations
- Graphic and web design

If you would like to volunteer, send us an e-mail at faacsociety@gmail.com.

Community Support

FAACS is grateful to receive support from local businesses and individuals in a variety of ways.



Sydney Animal Hospital put on a free neuter day for FAACS in November, fixing 29 male cats (Dr. Parker [left] and volunteer Susan Young are pictured above left).

Pet Valu began gathering regular donations of cat food for FAACS in August (Rob Clyke [left] and Store Manager Terry Allen are pictured above right). Many individuals have donated food also. Since August FAACS has received and distributed 550 kg of dry food and 1,280 oz. of wet food to colony caretakers.

This fall several hardware stores including Home Depot, Central Home Improvement, Gillis Home Building Centre, Rona - Don Ray Lumber, and local contractors such as AMK Contracting Ltd., have donated supplies and services to help volunteers construct wooden cat shelters. Volunteers Carla Sandalis, left, and Linda Quinn are pictured below with one of a dozen or more shelters they have built so far with donated materials.

This fall, Joel Adams from Printing Peach.ca and Katherine Scott and Reg Landry from Dr. R. Landry Psychological Services sponsored a pop-up banner for public education purposes (artwork designed by April Sanson-Adams).



Fundraising & Events

Fundraising is critical to operating our Trap-Neuter-Return program. With an estimated minimum of 20,000 homeless cats living within the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, FAACS has a goal to generate enough funds to TNR at least 1,000 homeless cats/year.

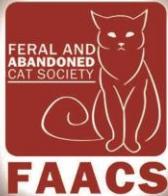
Your support of FAACS fundraising events will help us to reach this goal!

FAACS greatly appreciates cash donations for spay and neuter. A charitable receipt is issued for all donations of \$10 or more. To learn about ways to give, visit our website at www.faacs.ca/donate



Riding "Catapult" the Mechanical Bull are Murdock MacMullin (left) from the Centre for Distance Education and April Cluett (right) from the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre.

The first annual Country Explosion fundraiser held in September was a big success thanks to support from Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, Centre for Distance Education and Scotia Bank, as well as several individuals who donated their time and services to the event. Just over \$9,000 in profits were raised. This was enough to spay or neuter approximately 70 cats.



In Memory of
Cards

One way to show your care and respect to friends or family, who have lost a loved one or a cherished pet, is to honour those who have passed with a charitable donation in their memory.

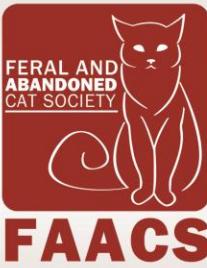
A contribution made to the Feral and Abandoned Cat Society (FAACS) will support the Trap-Neuter-Return of homeless cats, helping to humanely control population and give them a better life.

To request a FAACS "In Memory of" card package please contact us by e-mail at faacsociety@gmail.com.



50/50 DRAW

IN SUPPORT OF:



100% of money raised goes to help the animals

WINNING TICKET TO BE DRAWN ON LAST WEEKEND OF EVERY MONTH.



WINTER MAGIC

A Night of Magic & Stage Hypnosis with Carmen Giorno

MEMBERTOU TRADE AND
CONVENTION CENTRE

IN SUPPORT OF
THE FERAL AND ABANDONED
CAT SOCIETY

CAT FOOD DONATIONS WELCOME

SATURDAY
JANUARY 17
2015



DOORS 6:30PM | SHOW 7:30PM
GENERAL ADMISSION | CABARET SEATING | 19YRS+
TICKETS \$15

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT
THE MEMBERTOU TRADE AND CONVENTION
CENTRE BOX OFFICE
50 MAILLARD STREET, MEMBERTOU, NS
BOX OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 10AM-6PM | (902) 539-2300

