



SPCA'S LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER ANIMAL HOSPITAL OPENS!

On March 28, 2015, the Nova Scotia SPCA-Cape Breton Branch celebrated the official grand opening of its new animal hospital.

The significance of the SPCA's new hospital to the community is three-fold. For the first time in the history of the Cape Breton Branch, all animals in their care will be spayed or neutered prior to adoption. This will ensure that pets leaving the shelter will not contribute to the overpopulation issue, of cats in particular, in our area. The hospital also offers spay/neuter services at a significantly reduced cost to pet owners with qualifying low incomes. Access for all pet owners to affordable services is essential to stopping unwanted litters. The third benefit of the new hospital is that the SPCA will offer reduced cost spay/neuter services to TNR and rescue groups who are working to address the overpopulation of homeless animals.

With the addition of the SPCA's services, FAACS now has four veterinarian partners within the CBRM. Our partners include Kennedy Animal Hospital (2 locations), Sydney Animal Hospital, Northside Animal Hospital and the SPCA Veterinary Hospital. Each partner provides reduced rates for spay/neuter services with varying degrees of availability of appointments. Having access to services that are spread out geographically is also helpful for our volunteers who trap from all around the CBRM.

TNR Count

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

1,815

NEUTER DAYS

Sydney Animal Hospital did it again! During the month of February, Dr. Ruth Parker and her staff put on two free neuter days for FAACS in honour of World Spay Day. In total 63 male cats and 2 female cats were fixed. Pictured below are the hospital staff and volunteers who came to work on their days off to offer this generous service. In front from left to right are Dr. Ruth Parker, Vanessa Budden, Tiffany Binns, and Dr. Steven Nicholson. Pictured in back are John Brown and Ellen Brown.



Statistics

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

Feral and Abandoned Cat Society
Gender & Town Statistics on Cats Receiving TNR & Veterinarian Care
By Month, Quarter & Fiscal Year
Reported as of March 31, 2015

Spay/Neuter By Gender & Euthanization																				
	Q1	Q1	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q4	Q4	Fiscal	Fiscal	Fiscal	Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Total	Total	Total	Inception
Males	38	25	6	69	20	9	20	49	42	42	12	96	30	91	37	158	372	250	100	722
Females	61	22	15	98	31	19	21	71	49	22	18	89	49	49	38	136	394	420	140	954
Euthanized	0	7	14	21	18	7	8	33	3	4	3	10	1	5	8	14	78	57	4	139
Total	99	54	35	188	69	35	49	153	94	68	33	195	80	145	83	308	844	727	244	1815

Spay/Neuter & Euthanization by Town/Area																				
	Q1	Q1	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q4	Q4	Fiscal	Fiscal	Fiscal	Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Total	Total	Total	Inception
Albert Bridge		2		2				0				0				0	2	4	0	6
Alder Point				0		2		2				0				0	2	5	0	7
Ashby	3			3	6		2	8	2	5	2	9	1	4	1	6	26	36	3	65
Balls Creek	1	2		3				0				0				0	3	10	1	14
Birch Grove	2			2				0	1			1				0	3	0	4	7
Bras D'or				0				0				0			1	1	1	0	0	1
Caledonia				0				0				0				0	0	11	0	11
Coxheath	7		2	9		3	1	4		1		1	2	1		3	17	11	6	34
Dominion		1		1				0				0		1	4	5	6	0	5	11
Donkin		6		6				0				0				0	6	5	4	15
East Bay				0				0	1			1				0	1	2	0	3
Edwardsville				0				0				0				0	0	1	0	1
Florence				0				0	1	1		2	2	13	5	20	22	0	0	22
Frenchvale			5	5				0				0				0	5	2	16	23
Gabarus				0				0				0				0	0	0	2	2
Gardiner Mines				0				0				0				0	0	2	1	3
Georges River	2	2		4				0				0		3		3	7	4	0	11
Glace Bay	5	6		11	1	5	2	8	3	10	2	15	10	21	6	37	71	60	9	140
Grand Lake RD				0				0	6	2		8		1	2	3	11	2	0	13
Hillside Boularderie				0	1			1			2	2				0	3	1	0	4
Howie Centre				0				0				0		2	1	3	3	0	0	3
Irish Vale				0				0				0				0	0	1	0	1
Little Bras D'or				0				0				0		1		1	1	0	0	1
Lingan Road				0				0	1	1		2				0	2	2	6	10
Little Pond	5	1	1	7				0	1			1	1			1	9	39	0	48
Long Island				0				0				0				0	0	0	7	7
Leiches Creek			2	2				0				0				0	2	0	0	2
Louisbourg				0	14		16	30	4		2	6	6	6		12	48	0	1	49
Marion Bridge	2	3		5	5		2	7			2	2	1	2		3	17	27	27	71
Millville				0				0				0			1	1	1	0	0	1
Mira Road	1	4		5	2	1		3	3	1		4		5	1	6	18	11	0	29
New Victoria				0				0	4	1		5	3			3	8	2	0	10
New Waterford	16	6		22	9		6	15	12	3		15	8	10	2	20	72	84	31	187
North Sydney	8	10	13	31	13	10	9	32	9	12	6	27	6	22	11	39	129	117	5	251
Point Edward	5	1		6		1	1	2	1	2	1	4				0	12	1	1	14
Port Morien				0				0	2			2				0	2	18	1	21
Reserve Mines	4		1	5	1			1			1	1		2		2	9	6	0	15
River Ryan				0				0				0				0	0	7	1	8
Scotchtown				0		1		1	3	1		4	1		1	2	7	0	0	7
Scotch Lake				0				0			3	3				0	3	0	0	3
South Bar	1			1				0		1		1			1	1	3	1	1	5
Sydney	15	7	3	25	2	4	2	8	16	10	4	30	5	14	13	32	95	61	61	217
Sydney Forks				0				0				0				0	0	7	0	7
Sydney Mines	3	2		5	1	5	2	8		6	1	7	17	22	23	62	82	81	0	163
Sydney River	1	2		3	2			2	2	1	2	5				0	10	3	4	17
Sydport				0				0	2			2				0	2	11	10	23
Tower Road				0				0	13			13				0	13	0	0	13
Victoria Mines				0				0				0				0	0	1	0	1
Westmount				0				0		2		2	1		1	2	4	19	6	29
Whitney Pier	12	5	8	25	12	3	6	21	7	6	7	20	16	14	10	40	106	72	31	209
Total	99	54	35	188	69	35	49	153	94	68	33	195	80	145	83	308	844	727	244	1815

Featured Volunteer

Beth Lewis

Beth Lewis is a volunteer from North Sydney. Beth is a regular trapper and transporter of cats to the vet clinics each week. She also helps to feed and care for a feral colony in her area. Through her work as a trapper, Beth has discovered many abandoned cats and homeless kittens and helped to foster and find loving homes for them. Beth is also a significant financial supporter of the Society.



Featured Volunteer

Tammy MacPherson

Tammy MacPherson is a volunteer from New Waterford. She is an active trapper, transporting high volumes of cats to the vet clinics each week. Tammy is also a colony caretaker, helping to feed and care for a feral cat colony in her area and often fosters cats and helps to find homes for them. Tammy is a member of our fundraising committee and an administrator for our Facebook page.



Member's Meetings

FAACS Members meet once a month to report on our TNR program results and to discuss our various volunteer committee activities. Anyone from the public is welcome to attend. Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

Monday, April 13, 2015 6:30PM

Monday, May 11, 2015 6:30PM

Monday, June 8, 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 visit our website.

**NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
(To be held in conjunction with the regular monthly Member's meeting.)

Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:30pm

**Muin Room
Membertou Trade and Convention Centre
50 Maillard Street, Membertou, NS**

PARTNERS IN ANIMAL WELFARE

FAACS currently partners with two non-profit organizations that are also focussed on animal welfare within the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. Below is a listing of the services offered by each group.

SERVICES	 FAACS	 Friends of Cape Breton's HOMELESS ANIMALS	 SPCA Cape Breton Branch
On-Line Resources	www.faacs.ca 		www.spcans.ca  
Registered Charity Status Authorized to issue charitable tax receipts.	X		X
Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Trap feral, stray and abandoned cats; fundraise to have them spayed or neutered.	X	X	
Shelters for Homeless Cats Gather donations of building supplies; construct and deliver shelters.	X	X	
Cat Food for Homeless Cats Gather donations of cat food and deliver food to colony caretakers.	X	X	
Public Education Provide education about spaying or neutering pets and responsible care for companion animals.	X	X	X
Network for Lost Pets	X Monitor other Social Media sites. Help to reunite lost cats with their owners.	X Help to reunite lost pets with their owners through posting Social Media messages.	X Match lost dog reports to dogs roaming at large.
Spay/Neuter for Low Income Pet Owners Fundraise to spay or neuter pets for low-income pet owners.		X	
Intake of Surrendered Pets, Homeless Kittens (Socialized) & Friendly Cats FIV/FelV test, vaccinate, spay or neuter.		X (Not vaccinating at this time)	X
Fostering/Temporary Sheltering Temporary care for cats and dogs waiting to find new permanent homes.		X Network with Litters 'n Critters to find fosters for dogs.	X
Adoption Services Adopt pets to permanent homes.		X	X
Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Services Low-cost services for low income pet owners, TNR and animal rescue groups.			X The SPCA has its own Veterinary Hospital
Animal Cruelty Investigations For companion animals.			X 1-888-703-7722
Dog By-Law Enforcement Enforce CBRM Dog By-Law.			X
Contact Information	Private message on Facebook or E-mail: faacsociety@gmail.com	Private message on Facebook or E-mail: adoptionfcba@outlook.com	Call (902)539-7722 Or E-mail info@capebreton.spcans.ca

FAACS VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



COMMUNITY SUPPORT



FAACS is grateful to receive support from local businesses and individuals in a variety of ways. Pictured top left is the band Full Circle who put on a free show at Ziggy's Pub & Grill on March 13th so that FAACS volunteers could collect donations at the door. Top right, standing, is Carol Meyers, Avon District Sales Manager, who donated a basket of products to raffle on the night of the Full Circle event.

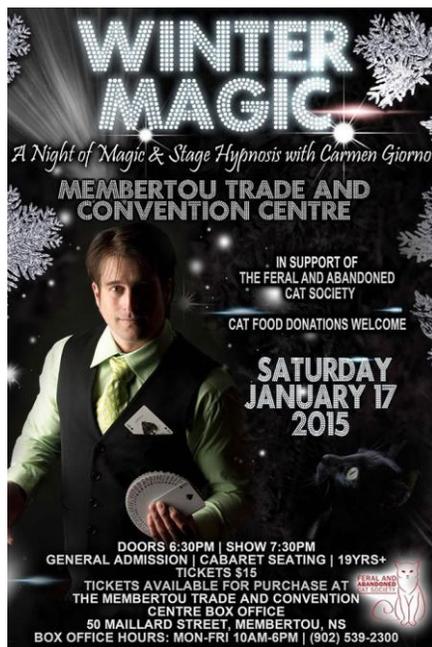
On February 4th, the FAACS Education Committee presented to the Girl Guides – Sparks group at the Riverview Y's Men's Club. Pictured bottom left are members of the group displaying pet food and supplies that were donated for FAACS and the SPCA. Pictured bottom right are two pallets of pet food donated to FAACS in February by a company from Dartmouth (they did not want public recognition). 40% of the contents were made up of cat food which was distributed to colony caretakers. The balance was dog food, which was donated to the SPCA. The food was transported from Dartmouth to Sydney compliments of Tom MacDonald Trucking Ltd. who also let us breakdown the pallets and sort the food at their facility on Keltic Drive in Sydney.



FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

Fundraising is critical to operating our Trap-Neuter-Return program. Your support of FAACS fundraising activities and events will help us to reach this goal! View the FAACS events calendar regularly for the most up-to-date event schedule.

www.faacs.ca/calendar



Winter Magic - We had a big crowd out for the Winter Magic fundraiser on January 17th. Magician and Stage Hypnotist Carmen Giorno put on a highly entertaining show! The event raised a profit of \$4,565 toward our Trap-Neuter-Return program and guests that night donated enough cat food to fill six plastic totes!

Wedding Favours for Felines

Our newest on-going fundraiser is Wedding Favours for Felines. The way this fundraiser works is that brides and grooms choose to make a donation to FAACS instead of purchasing or making individual wedding favours for their guests. In turn, FAACS provides the couple with small table cards for their reception that inform guests that a donation has been made in their honour to help spay or neuter homeless cats.

A promotional graphic for 'Wedding Favours for Felines'. The title is in large, gold, stylized letters. Below it, the text reads: 'Not sure what to have as wedding favours on your special day? Support animals in need by contributing toward the spay or neuter of homeless cats, and your problem is solved! Donate to the Feral and Abandoned Cat Society in lieu of traditional wedding favours and we will provide table cards for your reception. Your guests will appreciate a donation made in their honour.' The graphic shows two sample cards. The 'Sample Front of Card' features two cats, one with a bow tie and one with a crown. The 'Sample Inside Message' reads: 'In celebration of our love for all creatures, great and small, a donation has been made in your honour to the Feral and Abandoned Cat Society. Thank you for sharing our wedding day! Bride & Groom February 22, 2015'. A second card shows a gold heart outline and reads: 'In lieu of favours, a donation has been made in your honour to the Feral and Abandoned Cat Society. Thank you for sharing our wedding day! Bride & Groom February 22, 2015'. At the bottom, there is a red heart with 'OR' inside, and a call to action: 'Contact us to place your order today! FAACSOCIETY@GMAIL.COM www.faacs.ca'. Two cats, one with a bow tie and one with a crown, are shown at the bottom right.

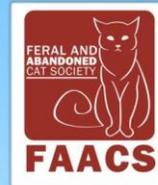
Sunday, June 7, 2015

11:00am – 2:00pm

(Rain Date June 14, 2015)



**In Support of the Feral and
Abandoned Cat Society
CAT FOOD DONATIONS WELCOME!!**



YARD & SALE

BBQ

**In the parking lot of Quality Cameras & Computers
245 George Street, Sydney, NS**

Donated items can be dropped off the morning of the sale

For other arrangements please contact faacsociety@gmail.com

CAT FOOD DRIVE FOR HOMELESS CATS



YEAR-ROUND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:
Sydney Animal Hospital | 609 Grand Lake Road | Sydney
Pet Valu | #130-325 Prince Street | Sydney
City Printers | 180 Townsend Street | Sydney
DONATIONS OF WET & DRY FOOD APPRECIATED!

WWW.FAACS.CA

petvalu your pet - your store **PAWS Campaign**

April 1-30, 2015

Buy a Paw
to help animals in need!



Nail Trimming
Hosted by
the Laundromutt
Sat, April 11 - 1-4pm
Sat, April 25 - 1-4 pm

BBQ
Sponsored by
M&M Meats
Sat, April 25 -
11am - 5pm



In Support of:
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Friends of Cape Breton's Homeless Animals
Nova Scotia SPCA - Cape Breton Branch



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