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♥ Friends of Felines 

Trap/Neuter/
Return

Friends of Felines is committed to an ongoing program to rescue as many cats as possible.

www.felinefriendsks.com

NEW
WEBSITE
FEATURE

Your support of Friends of Felines is critical to our success. Without your donations we cannot support our projects. You can now donate online using your credit card and/or checking account.

NEWSLETTER

Syracuse Project

The Syracuse Project to rescue 100 feral cats in Southwest Kansas is well underway. Volunteer vets Al Collingwood of Johnson and Pam Howell of Pratt, along with volunteers from Sedgwick and Wichita, were scheduled to start trapping on April 14, however, due to inclement weather, the trip had to be rescheduled. Part of the rescue effort was to relocate the cats in managed colonies in Colorado and New Mexico. Volunteers have also planned on driving up trucks to transport the cats back to Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Santa Fe.

Because of media exposure of this project Friends of Felines has received donations from as far away as Ohio. One donor said "she appreciated what we were doing for cats and wanted to help." Donations are still needed for this project to be successful.

Watch the website for more details on our progress.

Feral Colony Update

Friends of Felines is supporting 5 feral colonies totaling 128 cats. Through efforts of volunteers and donations, we are able to provide them with shelter, food, and the necessary medical attention to live a full life in a safe environment.

**Friends of Felines
Board of Directors
Ray Huff, President
Terry Gaul, Vice President
Gennine Westerman, Secretary
Norma Roberts, Treasurer**

Syracuse Project

We need places to locate feral cats. Even with relocating cats to Colorado and New Mexico we will need sites locally and other areas where we can setup managed colonies. Cats need shelter from the elements and someone that will commit to providing food and water. Because these cats have been feral for so long, they are not suited to become house cats, but they are great to have around barns and extra buildings. With time and patience even feral cats will warm up to the person feeding them. Call us at 316-772-0329 if you have any ideas.

FRIENDS OF FELINES MEETING SCHEDULE

**We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:00PM at Kater Supply in Sedgwick, KS. If you would like to learn more about what we do, please join us. The meetings usually last about an hour. You don't have to be a member to attend.
*FYI-April meeting is the 22nd due to the Syracuse project!***

Contact Us

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Newsletter Ideas/Comments:

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Annual Report

**The 2006 Annual Report
is available at
www.felinefriendsks.com**

Cat Memorial

A great way to remember a cat that has passed away is to write a memorial for our website. We will display a photo of your cat, a short story or poem, and your name for 30 days for a \$20.00 donation.

**If interested contact:
bgswright@yahoo.com**

**We currently have two
memorials on the website.**

**1. 32 2. 46 3. 34 4. 7 5. Cats(230 to
206 for Humans)**

Upcoming Documentary

On Sunday, April 29 there will be a documentary "Urban Rescuers" at 2:30PM on KPTS- Channel 8. It will explain the feral cat dilemma and what one group in Los Angeles is doing to rescue cats. Friends of Felines will be listed at the end of the show as a local contact. Thanks to Lynn Stephen, a past Board member of the Kansas Humane Society, for getting Friends of Felines recognized as a local contact.

Additional Dues and Sponsor Levels

The Board of Directors of Friends of Felines voted on the following individual membership levels:

Senior (over 65) \$10
Regular \$20
Lifetime \$1,000

Corporate Membership Levels

Adopt a Feral Colony \$250 per year
Sponsor \$500
Bronze \$1,000
Silver \$2,500
Gold \$5,000
Platinum \$10,000

Cat Quotes

What greater gift than the love of a cat - Charles Dickens

The more people I come across—the more I love my cat!

My husband said I had to choose; it was either him or the cat. I will really miss him.

Test Your Cat Knowledge

1. How many muscles do cats have in each ear? A. 15 B. 27 C. 32
2. The heaviest recorded cat weighed? A. 26 lbs. B. 35 lbs. C. 46 lbs. D. 51 lbs
3. What was the age of the oldest reliably documented housecat? A. 24 B. 28 C. 34 D. 38
4. A cat can jump how many times its height? A. 4 B. 6 C. 7 D. 9
5. Do cats or humans have more bones? A. Cats B. Humans

See answers to questions on bottom of page 2 of the newsletter.

Data source: www.oddrob.com

CAT COMMUTES ON BUS

A snow white cat has taken to riding the bus in the West Midland of England, the U. K. Daily Mail reports.

Riders say the feline, nicknamed Macavity, after the mystery cat in a T. S. Eliot poem, hops onto the No. 331 bus several mornings a week and hops off 400 yards down the road near a fish and chips shop. He's been following this commute since January, said Bill Khunkhun, the driver of the bus. "I pulled up on the Churchill Road to let a couple of passengers on," Khunkhun told the paper. "As soon as I opened the door, the cat ran toward the bus, jumped on and ran under one of the seats; I don't think any of the passengers noticed. "Because I had seen it jump off the day before, I carried on driving and sure enough when I stopped just down the road, he jumped off—I don't know why he would catch the bus, but he seems to like it," he continued. "I told some of the other drivers on this route and they have seen him too." Macavity always gets on at the same stop, rides in the front of the bus, and gets off near the chip shop. "It was quite strange at first but now it just seems normal," said Paul Brennan, a passenger. "I suppose he is the perfect passenger really—he sits quietly, minds his own business, and then gets off."

Friends of Felines
Cat Survey

Does your cat love
a special treat
that's not
traditional cat
food?

Email us your cat's
favorite treat and
we will print a list
in the next issue.

Email to:
wayneict@cox.net

Breaking News on KWCH Channel 12

Wichita's channel 12 interviewed FOF members Wayne and Norma Roberts on April 11. The interview focused on feral cats, Friends of Felines, and our Syracuse Project. The three-minute segment aired at 5PM on the April 12 evening news. KWCH was kind enough to offer a link to our website, which received over 500 hits overnight. Ray Huff reported he received five calls with 30 minutes of the story and several cash donations through our website since the story aired.