

Program Overview

Felidae Friends of Minnesota

Saving Lives, One Paw at a Time.

Felidae Friends of Minnesota is developing a community-based feline welfare program designed to provide humane, sustainable, and collaborative solutions for managing and supporting cat populations in Pierz and surrounding areas. The program is built on the principles of compassion, prevention, education, and partnership.

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program

The core of our initiative is a structured Trap-Neuter-Return program focused on humanely managing community and feral cat populations.

Program Activities Include:

- Humanely trapping community cats
- Transporting cats to partnered veterinary clinics
- Spaying or neutering and providing core vaccinations
- Ear-tipping for identification of sterilized cats
- Returning healthy cats to their original territories when appropriate
- Monitoring colonies through trained volunteers and caregivers

This approach helps stabilize populations over time while improving overall health and reducing nuisance behaviors associated with unaltered cats.

Foster and Adoption Network

For socialized cats and kittens who are not suited for outdoor life, Felidae Friends of Minnesota will coordinate a foster-based pathway to adoption.

Program Activities Include:

- Temporary foster placement with vetted volunteers
- Basic socialization and care support
- Medical coordination with veterinary partners
- Adoption screening and placement assistance
- Promotion of adoptable cats through community outreach and online platforms

This ensures friendly cats and kittens are given the opportunity to transition into permanent, loving homes.

Community Cat Care and Colony Support

Recognizing that many outdoor cats are already part of established environments, the program includes ongoing colony support services.

Program Activities Include:

- Identification and mapping of local cat colonies
 - Coordination with community caretakers and property owners
 - Food and supply assistance when available
 - Monitoring of colony health and population changes
 - Education for caretakers on humane management practices
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Rural and Farm Cat Assistance

Many rural properties rely on outdoor cats for natural pest control but often lack access to veterinary care. This program extends support to these populations through:

- Low-cost or coordinated spay/neuter opportunities
 - Vaccination assistance when available
 - Education on responsible farm cat management
 - Support for preventing uncontrolled breeding cycles
 - Resource connections for injured or ill animals
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Lost, Found, and Reunification Support

To reduce unnecessary shelter intake and improve reunification outcomes, the program will assist with:

- Lost and found pet networking
 - Social media and community posting support
 - Guidance on safe recovery practices
 - Temporary holding and identification support when possible
 - Coordination with shelters and veterinary clinics
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Education and Community Outreach

Education is a critical part of long-term population management and responsible pet ownership.

Outreach Efforts Include:

- TNR education for residents and caregivers
 - Spay/neuter awareness campaigns
 - Humane care guidelines for outdoor and indoor cats
 - Community workshops and informational materials
 - Volunteer training and onboarding resources
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Volunteer and Partnership Integration

This program is designed to function as a collaborative network rather than a standalone organization.

Key Partners May Include:

- Veterinary clinics
- Rescue organizations
- Foster networks
- Humane societies
- Community caregivers and volunteers
- Local businesses and supporters

Together, these partnerships create a flexible and responsive support system that can adapt to community needs.

Program Goal

The long-term goal of Felidae Friends of Minnesota is to create a sustainable, community-driven system that:

- Reduces feline overpopulation through humane methods
 - Increases access to veterinary care and resources
 - Supports caregivers and rural communities
 - Expands foster and adoption opportunities
 - Strengthens collaboration across organizations
 - Improves the overall welfare of cats and kittens throughout the region
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Closing Vision

This program is built on the belief that meaningful change happens when communities work together. By combining compassion, education, and coordinated action, Felidae Friends of Minnesota aims to create lasting improvements for both animals and the people who care for them.

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