

Organizational Overview

Felidae Friends of Minnesota

Saving Lives, One Paw at a Time.

Felidae Friends of Minnesota is a community-based feline welfare initiative dedicated to improving the lives of cats and kittens throughout Pierz, Minnesota, and surrounding rural communities. Founded out of a need for humane, practical solutions to feline overpopulation and limited access to veterinary care, the organization operates as a collaborative support network focused on connection, compassion, and long-term impact.

Who We Are

Felidae Friends of Minnesota is not a shelter or traditional intake facility. Instead, we function as a **coordination and support network** that brings together volunteers, caregivers, veterinary partners, rescues, foster homes, and community members to address feline welfare needs in a unified and sustainable way.

We focus on building relationships between existing resources and filling critical gaps in care where they exist.

Our Origin

The organization was inspired by the rescue of two orphaned kittens, Socks and Salami, who were found in critical condition at approximately three weeks old after losing their litter. Despite severe illness and extremely fragile health, they survived through intensive care, patience, and compassion.

Their recovery became a turning point—highlighting not only the vulnerability of kittens in rural and unmanaged environments, but also the profound difference that coordinated care and intervention can make. Their story became the foundation for Felidae Friends of Minnesota and continues to guide our mission today.

What We Do

Felidae Friends of Minnesota focuses on four core areas of support:

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Coordination

Facilitating humane population management through trapping, sterilization, vaccination, and return of community cats.

Foster and Adoption Support

Assisting with placement, care, and adoption pathways for socialized cats and kittens.

Community Cat and Rural Assistance

Supporting caretakers of outdoor, farm, and community cats through resources, education, and supply coordination.

Networking and Resource Connection

Linking veterinary clinics, rescues, fosters, and community members to improve access to care and streamline support systems.

Our Approach

We believe that sustainable animal welfare solutions are built through:

- Collaboration instead of isolation
- Prevention instead of repeated crisis response
- Education alongside action
- Community involvement at every level
- Humane treatment of all animals, regardless of origin or circumstance

Our role is to strengthen and support the existing animal welfare ecosystem, not replace it.

Our Geographic Focus

While our work is centered in Pierz, Minnesota, our support network extends throughout surrounding rural and semi-rural communities where access to veterinary care, rescue services, and animal welfare resources may be limited.

Our Values

Compassion

Every life has value, and every animal deserves dignity and care.

Collaboration

Meaningful change happens when organizations and individuals work together.

Responsibility

We promote humane, practical, and sustainable solutions.

Education

Knowledge empowers communities to make informed, compassionate decisions.

Integrity

We operate with transparency, respect, and accountability.

Our Vision

We envision a community where:

- Feral and stray cat populations are humanely managed through consistent TNR efforts
 - Rural and urban caregivers have access to affordable resources and support
 - Rescue organizations and veterinary clinics are connected through strong partnerships
 - Fewer animals enter crisis situations due to prevention and education
 - Communities work together to create lasting, measurable improvements in animal welfare
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Closing Statement

Felidae Friends of Minnesota exists to bridge gaps, build partnerships, and support both animals and the people who care for them. Through coordinated effort and shared responsibility, we believe it is possible to create a more humane and sustainable future for cats and kittens across Minnesota.

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