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Happy Tails Community Newsletter September 2025

Feral Fest & Open House is finally here!

After years of anticipation, we invite you to join us on Sunday, October 19th, from 2 to 4:30 PM at Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary for a celebration that coincides with the annual Feral Cat Day (October 16). This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, enjoy delicious food, engage in exciting activities, and participate in a fun raffle—all while learning more about the work we do for our furry friends - including community ferals.

Your presence and support at this event will make all the difference, and we sincerely hope you can join us for a day filled with community spirit and compassion for our animals!



For more information, please contact Purrball@happytails.org

Feral Cat Information (From Sacramento County Animal Care Services)

Feral cats are generally born on the streets, have not been socialized to people and usually fend for themselves. Therefore, they are seldom adoptable as pets and don't want to be indoors. But, there are humane, effective options for managing feral cat populations.

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)

Feral cats can be just as healthy as pet cats. These cats manage to lead a good existence, but overpopulation is their greatest threat.

TNR benefits the cats and the community and has proven the most humane and effective method of managing feral cat populations. Humanely trapped, the **feral cats are spayed/neutered** and vaccinated, and returned to their original location, thereby breaking the breeding cycle. You can identify spayed/neutered ferals, they usually have one ear “tipped” or “notched.”

We Can Make a Difference and Save Lives

Together, we can educate people about feral cats and spread the word that TNR is the humane and effective approach for feral cats.

For more information about feral cats, check out [Alley Cat Allies](#)



Happy Tails Adoption Goes Paperless

After nearly a year of dedicated effort by the Happy Tails team, we are excited to announce a significant enhancement to our adoption process: we are transitioning to a paperless system! This innovative change means that instead of managing extensive paperwork, crucial information regarding our beloved cats and their new families will be entered directly into Shelter Manager, our database that securely stores all relevant details about both the pets and their adopters. This advancement not only simplifies the adoption experience for prospective pet owners but also enhances our operational efficiency, allowing us to focus more on what truly matters—finding forever homes for our furry friends.

It Takes Team Work!

Welcome to the Happy Tails family, where we believe that every kitty deserves a loving home! Here at our sanctuary, we have a dedicated team of volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our feline friends happy and healthy. Over the next few months, we'll be shining a spotlight on these incredible individuals, starting with our Adoption Counselors (ACs)! These friendly folks are the first to greet you when you walk through our doors, ready to answer all your questions about our cats and their care. They know each kitty like the back of their paw and can share delightful insights into their unique personalities. Once you find your purrfect match, our ACs will guide you through the adoption process with care, ensuring you understand all the details before you whisker away with your new furry family member.

And if you ever find yourself saying, "Help! I forgot to ask something!" don't fret! Our Purrball team is here to lend a paw. You can reach them at Purrball@happytails.org, where two lovely ladies are ready to assist you. They can guide you to the correct team member to answer your inquiries, whether it be "Are there spay clinics in my area?" or "Please add me to your fabulous newsletter list." or "What time do you open?"

We're here to help!

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