



FieldHaven Feline Rescue ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Mission Statement

Educating our community on responsible pet ownership while providing safe haven for cats and kittens in transition to new lives in permanent homes.



About Us

Founded on July 1, 2003, FieldHaven Feline Rescue is the City of Lincoln's only "no kill" feline shelter. The organization dedicates all efforts of board members, affiliates, employees and volunteers towards the mission of educating the community on responsible pet ownership while providing a safe haven for cats and kittens in transition to new lives and homes. To further meet its mission, FieldHaven Feline Rescue became a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation under Section 501 (c) (3) on April 7, 2004, and adopted the following organizational goals and activities:

- ♦ Rescue abandoned/unwanted felines and provide housing at the shelter or in foster homes.
- ♦ Provide medical care to rescued felines.
- ♦ Adopt rescued felines into responsible, permanent homes.
- ♦ Educate the community on responsible pet ownership, including spaying and neutering, to prevent overpopulation.
- ♦ Assist the community with TNR and maintenance of feral colonies.
- ♦ Assist low and fixed-income individuals with catastrophic medical care for their cats.
- ♦ Provide shelter and adoption services for cats and kittens rendered homeless by death of a caregiver.
- ♦ Utilize funds received through grants, donations and other contributions for the activities listed above.

Shelter Facility Improvements

Although FieldHaven began shelter operations in 900 square foot mobile home, major physical improvements in 2005 transformed the three bedroom, one bath home into a viable feline rescue facility. The changes allow healthy cats to be housed cage free while cats that are ill or under observation can be isolated either in multi-level caged condos, donated by a local veterinarian, or in "apartments", some with outdoor areas, permanently built into the facility. Visitors wanting to select a pet are able to handle and bond with adoptable felines while those not currently available for adoption can be housed out of sight. A new treatment room provides the proper space for our veterinarian to perform exams and minor procedures, and our trained volunteers use it to perform feline incoming exams, inoculations and treatments.

What is a Feral Cat?

A feral cat is an unsocialized cat—a cat that was born to a feral mother and has never lived with a human family, or a house cat that strayed from home and, over time, has thrown off the effects of domestication and reverted to a wild state.

What is Trap-Neuter-Return?

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the humane, nonlethal method of feline population control that is more effective than trap-and-kill, and more reflective of a caring society.

City of Lincoln SNAP Grant

FieldHaven introduced SNAP (Spay-Neuter Assistance Program) in early 2005 upon being awarded a grant by the Community Foundation of Lincoln. The purpose of the grant is to assist Lincoln residents with spaying and neutering of feral and stray cats, and to provide education on the importance of addressing the issue of animal overpopulation. FieldHaven provides the funds to spay and neuter cats using local veterinarians and the Animal Spay and Neuter Clinic in Auburn. Adult cats are also vaccinated for rabies. Residents assisted with the logistics of getting the eligible animals into the program. FieldHaven loans traps and cages while volunteers provide education on trapping and safe handling of the cats.

Volunteers also provide transportation to the veterinarian or clinic when necessary. The FieldHaven shelter acts as a triage center where cats can be dropped off for transportation and then picked up for recovery. Assistance with recovery is provided on a space-available basis. We encourage releasing the animals back into their familiar environment, but when this is not possible we provide education and assistance on relocation to a safe area (usually area ranches and farms). When a cat comes through SNAP that is suitable for adoption (not feral), FieldHaven provides education and assistance for re-homing the cat after spaying/neutering. The SNAP grant funded spay/neuter surgeries for more than 150 cats during 2005.



2005 Adoption Programs

Prior to any cat or kitten becoming adoptable they are subject to our thorough medical protocols, including veterinary examination, blood testing and any other healthcare that is necessary or advisable for an individual cat. Efforts are made to provide a suitable personality and environmental match with adopters.

Volunteers offer post-adoption counseling and follow-up. It is

2005 marked the first full year of an Adoption Partnership with PetSmart at the North Roseville location. This partnership resulted in a 45% increase in adoptions over the previous year.

FieldHaven began microchipping all adoptable cats in early 2005. Microchips and registration are provided by 24PetWatch. Lifetime registration is included with each microchip. PetHealth, the parent company of

In addition to outreach adoptions at PetSmart we strive to bring adoptable cats and kittens to other venues. One successful outreach was an adoption event at Sun City Lincoln Hills in October 2005. We are planning to have this event again in 2006.

Adoptions by the Numbers

2004 Adoptions = 211

2005 Adoptions = 307

45% increase

“I can't imagine life without Emma. She is the best and I feel so lucky to have her. Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to adopt her.”

our policy to do a minimum of 3 follow-up contacts with all adopters approximately 3 days, 3 weeks and 3 months post adoption. Our adoption agreement stipulates that if re-homing the adopted cat is necessary, we are contacted first.

Our adoption retention rate is comparable with shelters with similar adoption policies with a goal to decrease returns by continually modifying adoption and follow-up procedures to ensure a “forever” home in as many instances as possible. Continual education of cat owners and thorough counseling before and after adoption should minimize returns. We have begun collecting data to track trends in this area.

24PetWatch, offers a 30-day medical insurance policy which covers a number of diseases and conditions.

A Veterinary Partnership program was implemented in late 2005 to provide adopters a complimentary post-adoption health exam by veterinarians. There are 3 veterinary clinics currently participating in the program.

The base adoption fees is \$95 but may be adjusted due to a variety of factors.



Mature Cats for Mature People

Adult cats are typically more difficult to place in homes over cute, appealing kittens. As a result, many older cats languish at the shelter for months before finding homes. We established the Mature Cats for Mature People program to promote the benefits of pet ownership and encourage adoption of adult cats.

The medical community recognizes that having a pet can have a positive affect on a variety of medical conditions including depression, hypertension, dementia, cardiac conditions and general well-being.

Much research has proven the health benefits of companion animals. A study done in nursing homes, where companion animals have become part of the therapy, showed the use of prescription drugs and the overall cost of caring for patients dropped. In new nursing home facilities in New York, Missouri, and Texas that had animals and plants as an integral part of the environment, medication costs dropped from an average of \$3.80 per patient per day to just \$1.18 per patient per day.¹

Another study revealed that only 6% of non-pet owners survived at least one year after hospitalization for heart problems compared to 28% of persons with pets. In addition, pets may actually lessen the risk of heart attacks.²

¹ Eileen Mitchell, "Just What the Doctor Ordered," *San Francisco Chronicle* E12, Sept. 20, 2003.

² Erika Friedmann, *The Role of Pets in*

The good news is that this research is increasing tolerance for pets in elderly housing facilities and all states now allow pets in senior housing, including nursing homes. This policy shift

adopting a senior cat. The program promotes adult cats while providing an affordable way for the adopter to obtain a pet. Additionally, the animal has received a thorough medical



helps to reduce the number of owner relinquishments as it is no longer necessary for any person relocating to senior housing to automatically give up their pet. And, it also provides another avenue for adoptions of senior pets.

With the Mature Cats for Mature People program the adoption fee is waived for senior citizens

exam, including lab work if warranted, and any necessary medical or dental treatments prior to being put up for adoption. This gives the adopter a reasonable assurance of the pet's health, minimizing the chance of veterinary care being needed in the weeks following the adoption.

Outreach Education

Education is key to achieving the universal goal of all animal

cat behavior issues often with the results being an owner is now willing to keep a cat they may have been thinking of



welfare organization: No More Homeless Pets. The undisputed solution to this goal is to impart a social philosophy that pets should be treated in a responsible and caring manner including ensuring that pets do not breed and produce unwanted offspring. FieldHaven volunteers accept every opportunity to provide education within the community, at the shelter, “virtually” by phone and email, and by circulating newsletters, newspaper articles and other informational literature. We provide information on the importance of spaying/neutering. Referrals are made to low-cost clinics and assistance is provided with transportation.

In addition to spay/neuter advice, volunteers assist the public with

relinquishing. Volunteers are also available to consult with new adopters, offering advice on how to transition the new family member into the household.

FieldHaven receives many calls each month requesting us to accept cats and kittens into the shelter. Unfortunately, space allows us to accommodate only a small percentage of those requests. We offer our “self-help” program to those who wish to place the pets on their own. We provide information and resources on how to effectively find homes for pets and offer space on our website to post information and pictures. Space at outreach adoptions is also offered. This support often empowers people to find placement and they do not feel so overwhelmed and helpless.

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Volunteers provide education for schools, and for civic and youth groups. We have established a video presentation to educate elementary school children on responsible pet guardianship. We have hosted field trips to FieldHaven in addition to participating in community events such as the Lincoln Farmer’s Market and Chamber of Commerce events.

Because of our visibility within the community, FieldHaven has established a solid reputation as a resource to individuals and businesses. We wish to continue expanding our visibility as the community grows by providing educational opportunities and resources to every age group.

Volunteers and Foster Programs

FieldHaven's volunteer base which started with just a handful of volunteers in late 2003 has grown to over 100 people who provide assistance in a variety of areas.

Our youth volunteer program encourages children to volunteer with an adult family member. This is a very active volunteer program with children helping with everything from cat care and fostering to assisting adoption counselors interview potential adopters. FieldHaven's mission includes educating the public on responsible pet ownership with a core focus on children as the missionaries of the message to future generations. With that in mind, we feel it is important to promote volunteerism and the involvement of children in the operation of the organization. Many children volunteer at FieldHaven to fulfill their community services

In Special Recognition of those volunteers who contributed more than 500 hours of time in 2005

Wendy Lemons

Martha Maldonado

Bob Miller

Jen Rosenbrook

Bruce Valencia

requirements for their school.

Foster homes are an integral part of our success as they provide shelter for up to 60% of the animals in our care. Not only do our foster parents allow us to increase our capacity but they fill a niche in a variety of special need areas;

- Bottle-feeding orphaned kittens
- Caring for moms with litters
- Providing a comfortable, safe environment for kittens too

FieldHaven supports the cost of maintaining animals in foster homes by supplying food, equipment and all medical care. Foster parents must comply with our stringent guidelines and policies and pass our screening criteria before being approved as a foster home.

Many families sign-up to be foster homes for kittens as a family project, thus expanding our education program while helping us to care for more animals. This

“I feel truly blessed that I found a place with people as loving and caring as everyone at FieldHaven.”

- young for adoption
- Socializing shy or semi-feral kittens and cats
- Rehabilitating cats with medical, social or behavior issues

is a terrific “win-win” also expanding our networking as the kittens are exposed to that family's circle of acquaintances, often resulting in potential adoptions.



Fundraising

Home for the Holidays

Campaign - IAMS Excellence of Execution Award and Grant

FieldHaven participated for the second year in the Home 4 the Holidays adoption campaign that is coordinated by the Helen Woodward Animal Center. FieldHaven received the Iams Corporation "Excellence in Execution" 2004 award for the innovative approach used to

business selling garden decorations. By far this location received the most press and foot-traffic. Other venues included the Barnes and Noble Bookstore, in conjunction with gift wrapping services by FieldHaven volunteers, and our regularly scheduled feline showcasing at PetSmart. Each venue supplied adopters with a gift basket for their new family members. The multi-media exposure of the entire event and our success in meeting our adoption goal resulted in our

Glide Family Foundation Grant

The Glide Family Foundation awards funds for construction or equipment and favors organizations that provide animal welfare services. As the organization expanded services and hired its first part-time employee to act as a Volunteer Coordinator, there was a need to acquire equipment for the

incumbent to carry out the administrative duties assigned to this position; therefore, the grant funded the purchase of a projector to aide in creating professionally prepared presentations. Also, the grant funds purchased traps and carriers used in transporting felines for spay or neuter surgeries.



successfully place over 50 cats/kittens. Our approach of bringing the cats from the shelter to off-site adoption venues really made a difference. A Holiday-themed display bay window housed 3-4 felines each day at *Il Giardino*, a downtown Lincoln

receiving one of just 20 awards in a competition involving 1700+ organizations on a worldwide basis. We used the \$5000 grant funds in 2005 to improve our overall organization and challenged ourselves in our third Home 4 the Holidays adoption campaign by increasing our goal to 75 cat/kitten adoptions.

Placer Area Animal Coalition Dinner and Silent Auction - Spring 2005

FieldHaven joined forces with three other animal welfare agencies and formed the Placer Area Animal Coalition (PAAC).

The other three agencies of PAAC are The Auburn Area Animal Rescue Foundation (AARF), Placer County Animal Services, and Friends of Placer County Animal Shelters. The PAAC was formed to combine efforts to develop

Fundraising (cont.)

programs and initiatives to benefit all animals by stressing responsible pet ownership and controlling pet overpopulation. The first fundraising event for PAAC was a Dinner and Silent Auction. A spaghetti dinner was hosted by Daniel Alcantaro, Chef and Owner of Buonarotti Ristorante in Lincoln. Silent Auction items were donated from businesses and individuals. Over \$30,000 was raised and equally divided among the organizations.

A Taste of Placer County Wine Tasting and Silent Auction – Summer 2005

The Pet Gazette sponsored an evening featuring live musical entertainment, food, beer, wine tasting and a silent auction as a fundraiser to benefit FieldHaven and two other agencies, the Sacramento Pet Gazette and Harvey's Help for Pets in Need. Vendors included: Mt. Vernon Winery, Fawnridge Winery, Ophir Wines, Pescatore Vineyards, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Lost Coast Brewery, Dos Coyotes, and House of Bread.

Home for the Holidays Gift Basket Fundraisers – Fall 2005

FieldHaven entered a third year of competition in the Home 4 the Holidays adoption campaign coordinated by the Helen Woodward Animal Center and sponsored by the Iams Corporation. To purchase items

contained in the seventy-five gift baskets that accompanied each adopted feline, FieldHaven volunteers coordinated two fundraising efforts. Marie Bevilaqua held two craft fairs at local churches, raising over \$300. A private fundraiser at the home of Sharon Kurth and Marie Salers themed “Big Cats helping Little Cats” raised \$1165 by featuring home video and picture displays of their African Safari trips to Kenya and Botswana. Other volunteers helped by placing and collecting donations from canisters placed near cash registers in local retail establishments, by gift wrapping at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore, by soliciting businesses to sponsor the campaign and by their individual donations of money and items.



Financials

Income

Adoption Fees	\$21,601.00
Surrender Fees	\$1,150.00
Donations/Fundraisers	\$36,481.32
Grants	\$11,500.00
Other	\$2,047.29
Total Income	\$72,779.61

Expenses

Animal Expenses	\$34,668.13
Misc. Business Exp	\$4,075.79
Marketing/Publicity	\$6,610.59
Miscellaneous	\$1,742.98
Staff	\$2,000.00
Occupancy Expenses	\$5,197.24
Total Expenses	\$54,294.73

This is a partial, unaudited presentation of the financial statements of FieldHaven Feline Rescue. The entire financial statements are available upon request.

How You Can Help

Monthly Giving Program

Donations are the life blood of any tax-exempt non profit organization and FieldHaven is no exception. Your donations support the work we do to continue our existing rescue efforts and develop new programs to assist the animals and animal lovers in our community. By joining our monthly giving program you can make life better for stray and feral cats every day. Members of FieldHaven receive our newsletter and announcements of special programs or events. Your monthly donations ensure that the resources we need for our ongoing programs are always available. Your monthly gift, via credit card or electronic funds transfer, enables us to respond quickly when feral cats and kittens are in peril.

Leave a Gift to FieldHaven in Your Will or Living Trust

By including FieldHaven in your will or in a living trust, you create a powerful legacy that will protect stray and feral cats for years to come. Living trusts eliminate the need for an often lengthy and expensive probate process. Using a living trust also can help ensure the proper protection and distribution of your estate in the event you become incapacitated, as well as after your lifetime. Contact FieldHaven to request additional information

Tribute and Memorial Gifts

Honor a special person or animal companion by making a Tribute Gift in his or her name to FieldHaven. Your honoree will be notified of your contribution with a personal card from FieldHaven and will receive a complimentary subscription to our newsletter for one year.

Few things are more difficult than losing a beloved companion, whether human or animal. Now you can honor the memory of your loved one (or someone else's) by helping a cat or kitten who needs a friend. With a Memorial Gift, FieldHaven will send a sympathy card to the person you designate, noting that a special gift was made in remembrance. Should you wish to make a more lasting and public gesture, a gift of \$500 or more entitles you to an engraved memorial or tribute plaque honoring your loved one.

Gifts of Appreciated Stock

Giving stocks and bonds to help FieldHaven fund programs can dramatically reduce your tax bill while helping us to improve the lives of stray and feral cats.

Donation Levels

Bombay: \$25 – \$49

Tuxedo: \$50 – \$99

Tabby: \$100 – \$249

Siamese: \$250 – \$499

Ragdoll: \$500 – \$999

Maine Coon: \$1,000+

Workplace Campaigns

Beginning in 2005, some of our volunteers have designated FieldHaven as a write-in beneficiary receiving donations through workplace giving programs. FieldHaven has therefore applied to be a designated choice in the annual California State Employees charity fund drive in the category of animal welfare agency. This will offer state employees a simple and efficient way to help cats through your workplace giving program. FieldHaven will be seeking new opportunities to extend this convenience to others working for non-state employers.

For more information about the many ways you can help FieldHaven continue to make the world a better place for stray and feral cats, please contact FieldHaven Board President Joy Smith at (916) 434-6022 or by e-mail at joy@fieldhaven.com.

We wish to recognize the following business and individuals who contributed to FieldHaven's success in 2005:

Bombay (under \$50)

Frances Apa
Tanya Aram
Bob Armstrong
Marilyn Barlow
Bryan Barrett
Bob Berreman
Stephanie Berry
Cathy Blake
Cynthia and Leal Bonito
Judy Brusati
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Tuxedo (\$50 - \$99)

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Siamese (\$250 - \$499)

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Garry and Arlene DeBoer
Dolores Grace
Gail Llamas
Jen and Ray Paul
Regine Roelandt
Mary and Tom Swanson
Jay and Lynn Willingham

Ragdoll (\$500 - \$999)

Carolyn Harris
Jen and William Rosenbrook
Sharon Kurth and Marie Salers

Maine Coon (\$1000+)

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Garfield's Story

2004-2005

Garfield was just one of millions of kittens born into feral colonies each year. His spine was deformed, leaving him without use of his hind legs and he would die soon after birth if nature had her way. But Garfield defied the odds and lived a full life because of the love of humans.

He was plucked from his litter by the colony caregivers and lovingly bottle raised to become a strong, healthy, playful kitten in spite of his handicap. The time came when his caregivers knew they could no longer provide for his special needs and contacted FieldHaven.

For 10 months Garfield became the center of daily life at FieldHaven. Using his powerful front legs he would scoot around just as fast the other kitties could run. Nothing stopped him and he always said exactly what he thought; usually to ask for food. He loved the outdoors and became irritated if the weather wasn't nice enough for him to be out in the grass. When he got the chance, he'd sneak out the front door and bump, bump, bump down the steps - off and running with his humans trying to catch up before he scooted under the trailer to play in the dirt and cobwebs.

Garfield became a local celebrity, he was on TV and everyone who came to FieldHaven was his fan. He visited handicapped children and went home with volunteers for "slumber parties". In his innocent way, he became symbolic of each and every life we save in our rescue efforts. He taught us to make the best of what God gives us, even if it doesn't seem fair. No one walked away feeling sorry for Garfield after meeting him.

Throughout his life his urinary system was troublesome. Major reconstructive surgery became necessary but, unfortunately, it led to irreparable complications. Garfield passed with the hands of 6 of his humans holding him. We laid him to rest on his favorite blue pillow on the first summer night under a golden moon that matched his eyes.

At last, dear friend, you can run on all 4 legs. We'll see you again at the Rainbow Bridge.