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Feral Focus

IndyFeral offers Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and colony management assistance for neighborhood cats in Central Indiana

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IndyFeral has Joined Forces with the FACE Spay/Neuter Clinic

IndyFeral has merged and become a program of the FACE Spay/Neuter Clinic on Massachusetts Avenue in Indianapolis. This merger allows IndyFeral to focus on its expertise of TNR, colony management and outreach, while the FACE clinic will oversee surgery and medical care. This collaboration will allow IndyFeral and FACE to join forces and fight harder for the well being of cats and dogs in Indianapolis, cut down on crowded shelters, reduce euthanasia, and fight against the status quo our city maintains with regard to the issue of animal overpopulation.

This merger is a dream realized for IndyFeral — a synergistic collaboration that will do more for neighborhood cats than IndyFeral could ever have hoped to attain and sustain as an individual, volunteer organization. “Without the support of our donors, this would not have been possible,” says Lisa Tudor, Director of Development and Outreach. “Over the past 10 years, IndyFeral has been able to expand our surgery base to 3,000 cats per year, but that was the maximum we could handle with six volunteer spaydays per month. With FACE, our goal is to double that number by the end of the second year.”

Ensuring the sustainability of IndyFeral has always been a strategic goal. FACE and IndyFeral are like-minded organizations, committed to ending euthanasia

through accessible and affordable spay/neuter. Together, IndyFeral and FACE will be able to do more than either could do separately.



Lisa Tudor will continue to oversee the neighborhood cat program for FACE, focus on developing a strong outreach program with the goal of getting into the neighborhoods where feral cats live and provide education and support for the caretakers. “We now have a permanent home for neighborhood cats — a place where they are welcomed, valued for who they are and able to get the care and compassion they so rightfully deserve,” says Tudor. The work IndyFeral donors and volunteers are so passionate about, and have sacrificed so much for over the years, will not just live on, but will flourish. She adds, “We have stayed true to our word: it still is what it has always been for IndyFeral — it’s all about the cats.”

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Yep, Kitten Season is Here

IndyFeral had a surprise birth this spring that marked the beginning of kitten season. A friendly stray female was brought in to be spayed and delivered kittens in her trap while waiting for surgery! The mom cat was a very young tortoiseshell (less than a year old) and petite, so we had no idea that she was pregnant. One kitten was stillborn, but the other two cuties, along with mom, were healthy and happy! FACE found a foster home for this little family until the kittens were old enough to be adopted. Momma cat is super friendly and will also be a great adoption candidate.

Fortunately for us, this mom was friendly and able to nurse and care for her kittens. In many cases, when a feral cat delivers in the trap, she is too stressed in the confined space to care for the kittens, and we have to find a foster home for the kittens with the ability to bottle feed until they are weaned. The feral mom is then spayed and returned to her colony.

IndyFeral often comes across friendly, adoptable cats through our spay/neuter efforts. Some are saved from at-risk situations out in the neighborhoods, and others are saved from euthanasia at Indianapolis Animal Care & Control

(IACC) through our Feral Freedom program. Cats delivered to the city shelter can appear fearful or aggressive at IACC, but calm down into friendly butterballs once we give them the opportunity to rest and eat in a safe environment.

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Many of these “friendlies” will now have the opportunity to find homes through FACE’s adoption program for cats and dogs. A listing of the cats and dogs currently available can be found at the “adopt a pet” link at www.facespayneuter.org. Call FACE at (317) 638-3223, Monday through Thursday, to schedule an appointment to see one of the cats or dogs available for adoption. Please spread the word and help us find forever homes for all of our friendly felines!

Petsmart Charities® Expands Grant for Free Spay/Neuter in Indianapolis

In May 2011, IndyFeral was honored to receive a \$100,000 grant from PetSmart Charities®. This recognition allowed IndyFeral, in collaboration with the FACE Spay/Neuter Clinic, to launch a cat initiative in Indianapolis to address the overpopulation crisis. The initial grant focused on free spay/neuter services for neighborhood cats in ZIP codes 46201 and 46203.

The grant has recently been expanded to include pet cats, as well as neighborhood cats, in five Indianapolis ZIP codes: 46201, 46203, 46221, 46227, and 46241. These five ZIP codes have been identified by Indianapolis Animal Care and Control as having the highest rate of cat intake. By including pet cats in the free spay/neuter initiative and expanding the areas of concentration, Petsmart Charities® adds a significant push to reduce the number of cats and kittens born in Indianapolis.

Unwelcome litters fill local shelters during the summer months and overwhelm neighborhoods and caretakers coping with abandoned cats and kittens. “Cats will survive and continue to reproduce even in the most challenging outdoor situations,” says Lisa Tudor, director of development and outreach. “The only way to get a handle on the cat population is through very aggressive spay/neuter efforts.”

We are urgently trying to get the word out about

the free surgeries in these high-risk neighborhoods. Cats that can be handled and put into carriers should go to FACE Spay/Neuter Clinic’s neighborhood cat program for free surgery, telephone (317) 638-3223. Feral cats that cannot be handled and require trapping should go to IndyFeral, telephone (317) 596-2300. Call for an appointment and trap support.

IndyFeral and FACE are dedicated to reducing the euthanasia rate at Indianapolis Care and Control through accessible and affordable spay/neuter. IndyFeral was founded in 2002 with the mission of reducing the neighborhood cat overpopulation through the non-lethal means of trap-neuter-return (TNR), instead of trap and kill, and is the only proactive organization completely committed to fighting the area’s stray and feral cat overpopulation problem. IndyFeral serves as the TNR designee for the City of Indianapolis, Lawrence, Southport, and the Town of Speedway, working in partnership with its animal care and control agencies, and has neutered 24,000 cats in the past nine years.

FACE Spay/Neuter Clinic is still Indianapolis’s only high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter clinic. Since opening in 1999, FACE has neutered more than 145,000 animals, and the number of cats and dogs killed in Indianapolis shelters annually has been reduced from 22,000 to 8,500.

Handsome Cross-Eyed Tabby finds a Caretaker



IndyFeral was made aware of a handsome cross-eyed tabby boy in the heart of Broad Ripple Village who was flying solo and had been surviving on dumpster scraps and the occasional handout. Nearby restaurant workers told us a neighboring salon had been supporting this guy, but had gone out of business. We put out the word on Facebook that we needed a regular food source for him to get him away from the dumpster in the parking lot. Thanks to Bill and Cass for coming to the rescue. Bill named him Oscar for his dumpster-diving ways (thankfully, now a thing of the past). He’ll be coming in for TNR soon.

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 27

Indianapolis Indians baseball game benefiting FACE/IndyFeral: Friday July 27th at 7:15 p.m. Post-game fireworks show included. For each \$10.00 ticket sold, FACE/IndyFeral gets a \$5.00 donation. Tickets must be bought using the link below, using the code "face," and can be printed off from your computer.
<http://facespayneuter.org/events>.

Seats are limited, so buy early!

Sunday, October 21

Jenny DeVoe FACE/IndyFeral Benefit Concert, 1:00 p.m. The Rathskeller Ballroom, 401 E. Michigan St.

Supply Drive for Summer Season:

- Yesterday's News cat litter or Feline Pine cat litter
- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Trash bags (30 or 45 gallon)
- Little Noses saline drops/spray
- Paper towels
- Distilled water
- Wet kitten food
- Gerber baby food (meat with no broth — no garlic or onion powder)
- Vicks Vaporizers
- Hamster cages (used to rehab/foster kittens)
- Dog cages 2x3 ft. min. (used to rehab injured/ill colony cats)

Donations can be dropped off at Indianapolis-area Pet Supplies Plus stores or the IndyFeral clinic. Contact LisaT@facespayneuter.org for clinic drop-off times and location.

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Kitty Trying to Stay Warm Caught in Car Engine

Little Trey here has been through a lot, but thanks to the great care he received at IndyFeral, he was able to start his new life as an indoor kitty! Trey was a friendly barn cat, and as the weather turned cold last winter, he sought warmth inside a car engine. Unfortunately, the driver did not give poor Trey any warning that he was going to start the engine, and Trey was badly injured.

The owners of the farm thought that there was nothing they could do to help him, so they left him in the barn to die. Fortunately, a friend of IndyFeral discovered him FIVE DAYS after the accident and brought him in immediately for treatment. His right front leg was beyond saving, but Trey was a trooper! He was very sweet to

the staff looking after him in the clinic despite being very scared.

Thank you to everyone who supports IndyFeral, allowing us to be there for cats like Trey. Without the support of our donors, we would never be able to keep up with the medical care of the many cats who suffer injuries or abuse outside. Access to FACE vets seven days a week will mean quicker medical attention for injured and sick kitties.



Flea Treatment and Vaccines Available at FACE

Fleas and ticks can lead to a long list of health problems for pets, such as anemia and tapeworms. These problems can even be fatal with smaller pets.

FACE spay/neuter clinic is stocked to handle flea and tick treatment and prevention, as well as all the annual vaccinations necessary to keep cats and dogs healthy.

"Our weekend clinics are staffed by two veterinarians, not just one," said Ellen Robinson. "That means our guests will be in and out much quicker."

FACE's vaccination clinics are first come, first served. No appointments are necessary. The clinic is open Monday – Thursday 2 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.