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Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN)

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Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 16 is National Feral Cat Day.
- Oct. 18, 10 am to 2 pm, the CatMOBILE is participating in the Chippawa Animal Open House, 3808 Bridgewater St. Niagara Falls to promote National Feral Cat Day as well as adoptions of rescued cats and kittens.
- Oct. 25, 10 am to 2 pm, CatMOBILE at Pet Valu, West Side Place Plaza, Port Colborne.
- Nov. 3, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Feral Cat Caregivers Support Group meets at Court Animal Hospital. 61 Geneva St. St. Catharines. All welcome.
- Nov. 15, 10 am to 3 pm, CAAN's 1st Annual Bazaar at St. John's Anglican Church, 80 Main St., Port Dalhousie. Fun for all and the CatMOBILE visiting too!
- Nov. 22, 9 am to 4 pm, Animal Assistance Bazaar, Black Sea Hall, St. Catharines. Come see the CatMOBILE and support this charitable event.

"Wildcat Wednesdays" Launch a Winner!

On July 16th, after weeks of planning, training and growing excitement, Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN) launched it's first "Wildcat Wednesdays" night, a high volume spay/neuter clinic for feral cats, organized by members of CAAN's Feral Cat Caregiver Support Group. Three months later, with seven more successful nights under their belts, a total of 68 cats have been humanely trapped, sterilized, vaccinated, treated for fleas and worms, microchipped and returned to their outdoor homes.



Happy volunteers and veterinary professionals celebrate after the exciting launch of "Wildcat Wednesdays", a high volume spay/neuter clinic organized by the Feral Cat Caregivers Support Group of Community Animal Allies of Niagara.

Using the Trap-Neuter-Return method (TNR), a spay/neuter clinic is the essential first step in improving the health of cats living in an outdoor colony, stabilizing the population and easing the burden for compassionate caregivers. The Feral

Cat Caregivers Support Group meets at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of the month and guests are most welcome to attend. For more information about CAAN programs, email caan-catmobile@hotmail.com or visit www.caancatmobile.org.

"Feral cats are the same species as companion cats but live outdoors in family groups (colonies) wherever they can find a food source and shelter. They are not socialized to humans but are socialized to their cat families and are fearful of humans. Some feral cat families are fortunate enough to have volunteer human caregivers."

Invite the CatMOBILE to your neighbourhood!

What's more fun than a barrel full of monkeys? A trailer full of cats! The CatMOBILE would like to bring it's unique and furry fun experience to your neighbourhood business or community event.

The CatMOBILE is a colourful mobile trailer staffed with

trained volunteers that travels to locations around Niagara bringing healthy, loveable cats and kittens that are eagerly awaiting adoption to new homes. All cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped and vaccinated.

Show the community you care

by inviting the CatMOBILE to visit your business or event.





National Feral Cat Day – October 16

If you don't believe in killing cats, you're already an advocate.

Over 70% of cats who enter our nation's animal control pounds and shelters are killed. That number jumps to virtually 100% for feral cats.



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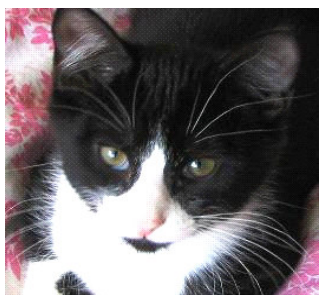
National Feral Cat Day was established in 2001 by Alley Cat Allies - the foremost feral cat advocacy organization committed to ending the killing of feral cats, the leading cause of cat deaths in North America. Most animal shelters across Canada routinely kill feral cats because they can't be adopted. It is an endless, costly and cruel cycle. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) ends the cycle of breeding, makes cats better neighbours and improves their lives.

Community Animal Allies of Niagara's (CAAN) Feral Cat Caregiver Support Group uses TNR to help each other to access veterinary care through CAAN's "Wildcat Wednesdays" spay/neuter program.

If you are caring for a group of homeless or feral cats and need support, please join us at a meeting at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of every month. Guests are always welcome.

With the TNR method, feral cats are humanely trapped and brought to a veterinary clinic to be evaluated, spayed or neutered, treated for parasites, vaccinated and then returned to their outdoor homes.

For more information on the Feral Cat Caregivers Support Group or "Wildcat Wednesday's" spay/neuter program, email caan-catmobile@hotmail.com or visit us online at www.caan-catmobile.org.



Help rescued cats and kittens like Piper find their "forever" homes by volunteering with the CatMOBILE.

Looking for that warm & fuzzy feeling?

CatMOBILE volunteers have found it!

If you can spare a couple of hours, once or twice a month, the CatMOBILE needs helping hands when it visits sponsoring businesses and events around Niagara, bringing rescued cats and kittens out to the community for adoption.

Volunteers help put the cats and kittens into their cages for the day's outing, feed and care

for the cats; receive visitors and facilitate adoptions. At the end of the day, it's time to clean and ready the CatMOBILE for another day.

Spend some time on the CatMOBILE - warm and fuzzy feelings guaranteed!

For more information on volunteering, go to www.caan-catmobile.org, or send us an email at caan-catmobile@hotmail.com.



Another happy adoption! "Handsome" the cat is ready to go to his new home.



The CatMOBILE is ready to roll to your business or event. Show the community you care and book the CatMOBILE at caan-catmobile@hotmail.com.