

# Feral Affairs Network Intake Policy



**Feral Affairs Network (dba FAN)** is a 501c3 nonprofit group with a foster home-based environment, focused on caring for community cats, saving them from lives of despair.

**SERVICE AREA:** FAN primarily services the South Hampton Roads area, i.e., the cities of Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach. Cats and kittens in Suffolk, Hampton and Newport News are also considered, but not prioritized for intake. FAN accepts cat/kitten intakes from North Carolina, or out of state, only in extremely rare circumstances.

**TRAPPING:** Intake is mainly from trapping projects in areas with feral cats, reported to FAN by concerned citizens. Kittens found at active trapping sites are retained, vetted, socialized, and placed for adoption. All strays and friendly cats found to have joined feral colonies are retained for stray hold (5 to 10 days, as per each city's requirements) and reported to the city in which the cat was found, with every effort to locate a possible owner. After 21-30 days of quarantine (including reported stray hold and the process of parasite treatment, vaccines, spay/neuter, and socialization for adoption), friendly cats are placed for adoption. FAN utilizes microchip scanning, social media posts, local lost/found resources, and stray hold reporting to reunite lost animals with owners, when possible.

**OWNER SURRENDERS:** FAN accepts a limited number of owner surrenders and transfers from local shelters, particularly when cats are slated for euthanasia due to space or illness, such as FIV-diagnosed. FAN does not accept FeLV-positive cats. FAN specifically targets feral and semi-feral cats (for our "Career Cat" program). As per adoption contract, FAN accepts the return of cats from previous adopters, as needed for rehoming, as a priority for owner surrender.

**INTAKE DECISIONS:** Intake of kittens (up to 10-12 weeks), or juveniles and cats (friendly, handleable strays), are accepted as space and financial resources allow and prioritized as to ease of adoptability. When FAN foster space is full, concerned residents are redirected to contact local shelters or rescue groups in South Hampton Roads, VA. We do not intake feral cats for adoption, unless going to a pre-determined "barn home." Priority is given to the following cats and kittens, in order:

- Returning from contractually bound FAN adopters
- Found running or roaming as a stray who are determined to be adoptable
- In South Hampton Roads, VA partner shelters in immediate danger of euthanasia or who need immediate medical help not provided by the shelter
- From private rescuers in the South Hampton Roads, VA area with limited avenues for adoption
- Surrendered by owners who are not FAN adopters

**QUESTIONS:** Direct questions regarding our intake policy to President/Executive Director Vaida Moore via email or mail, listed below.

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