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Focus on Ferals, Inc. Receives \$6000 Grant from ASPCA to Support Funding related to Low Cost Spay/Neuter Services

**Malone, New York** – Focus on Ferals has been awarded a \$6000 grant from the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) to support Low Cost Spay/Neuter Services. This award will enable the continuation of Focus on Ferals to provide affordable spay and neuter services for income-qualified cat owners in Franklin County. This Grant provides a much needed resource to Focus on Ferals and the residence of the County.

“We are thankful for this generous grant that enables us to provide low-cost spay/neuter services to cat owners who might not otherwise have the means,” said Rebecca Vaincourt, CEO and Director of Focus on Ferals. “We’re excited to continue with our goal of reducing the over population of stray, abandoned and feral cats in the community for a lasting impact. One of the most effective ways to reduce the number of kittens ending up in shelters is to provide low-cost spay/neuter services to cat owners. This generous Grant from the ASPCA will help us combat the overpopulation of cats in Franklin County.”

In 2021 Focus on Ferals rescued, spayed and neutered more than 600 cats. The Volunteers work diligently to rescue those in need. There is never a day that volunteers do not receive a phone call or message about a stray, abandoned, pregnant, injured or sick cat that needs help. Kittens have been rescued in cardboard boxes that were left on the side of the road, cats were left in apartments that were abandoned by their family, with no food or water for days and sometimes weeks, injured stray cats were rescued with broken bones, bruises and wounds, frostbit ears, and many other injuries. But the one thing in common among the cats rescued is their spay/neutering status. Approximately 99% of the cats rescued in 2021 were not spayed or neutered. The 600 cats rescued is only a small portion of the feline population in the County which need neutering. The ASPCA Grant for Affordable Spay/Neutering is definitely crucial to reduce the overpopulation of cats in our economically depressed County.

Focus on Ferals is now accepting applications from residents of Franklin County. Cat owners must meet eligibility requirements to participate in the program. For more information and/or to fill out the online application visit <https://focusferalstoday.com/spca-spay-neuter-grant>

Focus on Ferals is a 501(c)3 non-profit animal welfare, all-volunteer organization aimed at reducing the homeless feline over-population through TNR, spay/neutering, adoption, public awareness and education .