



Since August 19, 2009, a new community resource for Good Samaritans and feral/stray cat rescuers has been active. The "**Petunia's Project**" provides authorization(s) for independent rescuers and Good Samaritans who have rescued and taken in abandoned, stray and/or feral cats. This Project provides:

- **FREE combo test.**
- **Spay/neuter.**
- **De-worming.**
- **FVRCP shot.**
- **Rabies shot.**
- **Advantage application.**
- **Pain medications.**
- **Ear tipping (for feral cats).**
- **OPTIONAL: 24 hr Pet Watch microchip.**

Due to overwhelming demand, the Petunia's Project has had to prioritize these services:

- **First Priority** – Those who are indigent, unemployed, SSI/Government Assistance, handicapped and/or elderly.
- **Second Priority** – Private Good Samaritans who are helping with cats that have been abandoned, strays or at risk.
- **Third Priority** – Assistance with those practicing TNR and colony management.

For those Good Samaritans and rescuers who will be fostering/socializing and/or adopting an abandoned, stray adoptable cat, they will have an option for \$5 to have a 24 hour pet-watch microchip placed in their rescue cat/kitten. Petunia's Project will pick up the rest of the cost of the chip and implanting.

These services do NOT have to be scheduled. **Once authorized through "Friends of the Formerly Friendless"**, the administrator of the Project, the rescuer can contact our participating veterinarian, Animal Care Clinic, which will have been notified of the impending feral or stray and will arrange for the rescuer to drop off and pick up the cat/kitten the following day. Every cat will go home with pain medications to be administered during their "recovery" period. Those caring for and recovering feral cats will be given medication to put in their food and/or to drop on their paws or coat. The services **INCLUDE** an overnight stay after spay/neuter to insure a safe transition from anesthesia and recovery upon leaving the clinic. **SAME** day drop off is available **IF** pre-authorized.

This Project was developed to fill a critical need in our community for independent rescuers and Good Samaritans not affiliated with a group and requiring immediate and ongoing services. The flexibility in scheduling and in working with an independent veterinary office that is open 7 days a week provides a new option for these rescuers/Good Samaritans in our community that have hitherto been underserved.

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