

Bodega Bay Veterinary Hospital

FERAL CAT SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM BEGINS

We keep hearing complaints from our neighbors about the tragedy of feral cat reproduction in our town. Too often feral - or tractable but un-owned cats - reproduce year after year after year. A few of the kittens find homes, but most will be killed by disease or in the streets, usually at a young and tender age. It's not right.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY!

As it happens, we at Bodega Bay Veterinary Hospital are perfectly placed to help do something about it. We can't solve this problem alone, and we can't bear the entire cost ourselves, BUT WE CAN make it inexpensive and easy for our neighbors to stop these cats from having more babies.

HERE'S THE DEAL:

HALF PRICE on feral cats; no complication fees. That's **\$50 to spay** the females and **\$30 to neuter** the males.

VACCINATIONS and MICROCHIPS are also available under this program at **HALF PRICE**. We recommend feral cats be given at least a distemper/respiratory virus vaccination (rabies is recommended but optional). If you go through the trouble of having them spayed, it's smart to protect them from killer viruses.

THERE ARE RULES:

- 1) Cats must be safe for us to handle. That means **CATS MUST BE PRESENTED IN A CAGE OR SMALL WIRE ENCLOSURE**, not a carrier. These are feral animals and we cannot safely reach into a carrier or cage to handle them, even if you can. **If it's feral, it's in a trap or wire cage.** No exceptions.
- 2) Only one cat per cage (OK, once in a while you'll trap two at once, but only rarely. 3) No more than 5 cats per day (again, we'll be flexible, but there are real limits to what our little hospital can manage in a single day).
- 4) Cats must arrive at the hospital by 10:30 AM and leave before 5 PM. We can't keep feral animals overnight.
- 5) We use minimum-cost anesthetics and methods for these animals; people taking advantage of this offer must accept that feral animals have higher risk than normal, tame animals.
- 6) We tip the ear - always - to permanently identify the cats as spayed or neutered.
- 7) Caretakers must agree to shelter the animals overnight after surgery.
- 8) **You must call in advance** - we can't have animals just show up for surgery - but we'll be as accommodating as possible.

This is an invitation to our concerned neighbors: Together we can solve this problem! Let's get going.

Barb & Dr. T.

Call 707 - 377 - 4153 for details