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Feral Cat Surgeries Close to 60, Growing Need for Kitten Fosters and Adopting Families

Even with nearly 60 stray and feral cat surgeries to their credit so far, the Quadra Feral Cat Group has been overrun with many smaller furry challenges this fall.

An influx of kittens on the island means the group must ramp up efforts to manage the numbers of local cats struggling without a family.

"We're thrilled to be within reach of 60 spays and neuters within our first nine months, and we can't let up now," explains coordinator Lara Fraser, who laments the recent arrival of several litters of kittens to stray and feral cats in a number of colonies on Quadra. "We urgently need to find homes for the kittens we've already tamed because we have more than 20 kittens that we're desperate to get into foster care so they can be socialized as adoptable family pets. Otherwise, they too will face a horrifically hard life as unwanted cats trying to survive in the wild."

With a great variety of kittens available - from Persian and tabby and an assortment of solid colours, Fraser encourages anyone interested in fostering or adopting kittens to contact the Quadra Feral Cat Group as quickly as possible. "Socializing kittens is easier the younger they are. Every day counts," she emphasizes.

"We have been so grateful for the community's support so far, and being able to house these kittens would greatly reduce the future population of unwanted cats," Fraser adds. "And, of course, we urge people who already have a pet cat to get it spayed or neutered to help slow the island's cat population growth as much as possible."

Beyond fostering and adopting, people interested in volunteering are welcome to join the Quadra Feral Cat Group and help with a number of activities, especially trapping, transporting and fundraising. "Our core members are juggling so many things at once so we can keep getting cats to the vet, and we welcome new members to help share the load," she says.

Quadra Feral Cat Group can be reached via telephone at 250-285-3941 or by email at quadracats@yahoo.com. Donations can be made directly to the group, at the Quadra Coastal Community Credit Union or to change cans on local store counters.

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