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Looking for a forever home

Feral Fixers, on Saturday, Nov. 22, held an adoption event at PetSmart on Butterfield Road in Downers Grove, hoping some of their kittens and cats will connect with a loving family. In one photo, Organza is chilling, waiting to be noticed and hopefully adopted. In other photos, Pickles cozied up to volunteer Oscar Mazariegos (who has fostered 60 cats in five years), and Brighty snuggled with Monica Mockus, adoption even coordinator. She said there are roughly 110-115 kittens and cats at the Lombard facility, 330 Eisenhower Lane. The main missions of Feral Fixers, a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization, are to humanely trap, neuter and return (TNR) feral cats to combat overpopulation in DuPage County and reduce euthanasia, and educate municipalities and the public on the benefit of TNR. In addition to being spayed/neutered, cats are microchipped; dewormed; treated for fleas, ticks and ear mites; and receive rabies and distemper vaccines. They also have their ear "tipped" to mark them as fixed ferals. Going back to 2007, to date Feral Fixers has spayed/neutered 16,510 cats, some of which get returned to their original location, while others get adopted or become "working" cats in a warehouse, factory, shop, barn or storage facility—or even a backyard or garden with a rodent problem. TNR has ended for 2025, but will resume in 2026, possibly at the end of February (TNR in colder weather can have a negative effect on the cats as shaved abdomens and vaccinations can lower their resistance). For more information on adoption events, volunteering, becoming a foster or making a donation, visit feralfixers.org.

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