

FERAL CAT RECOVERY FROM THE WILD

*Photo montage of "Mr. Sammler" trapped on our property in Golden Valley MN by Fox & Krantz, * Dec.27, 2015-March 7, 2016. First seen in the summer, eventually trapped, neutered, tested for feline immunodeficiency and feline leukemia virus, treated for round and tape worms and fully vaccinated. Estimated 18 months old. Gradually acclimated to us and resident ex-feral cat who served as a socializing catalyst.*



Summer night hunter, then caught in trap (portrait through the wires) then in-house holding cage meeting resident ex-feral cat



Tentative social interaction begins 2 weeks after release from crate, kept open in cat's "safe" room.



Secure in cubby-hole, after 2 weeks accepts being touched and later, paw massage; plays with feathers on a cane under rug



Submits to resident cat, bonds looking outdoors at bird feeders and sleeping together; after 4 weeks enjoys interactive play and stroking with feather-cane and plays under carpet with feather cane and resident cat



Mr Sammler, 8 weeks into recovery; a magnificent Silver tabby landrace, adapting well to life indoors



Mr. Sammler's eye talk: Surprise and curiosity, fear and insecurity, trust and acceptance

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