

Whether we like it or not, street cats are here and it's up to the community to solve the problem and help take care of the cats while controlling the populations. There are ways to do it to lessen the impact on those that don't like the cats and, maybe, by having them around and understanding their plight, they just might get into your heart too.

CatVando's mission is to help care for, reduce and control our street cats. Our secondary mission is to teach respect for life.

We work with individuals, communities and municipalities to educate, assist, perform and coordinate TNR efforts.

We work with Colony Managers and assist those in need with feral shelters.

We work to create harmony between the Community, the Colony Managers and the Cats.

Please give us a call with any questions and be sure to check our website for our Calendar of Events and helpful links.

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So, you're
seeing cats
in your
neighborhood. . . .



You're not alone. Many towns are seeing growing numbers of cats in the streets. Something needs to be done and soon. More pet cats are being abandoned adding to the population. There is a way to help curb the population and care for the cats.

There are 2 kinds of cats on the street.

- A 'feral' is a cat that's afraid of humans, it's unsocialized and avoids human contact. Pet cats who are forced to fend for themselves on the streets and kittens who are not socialized at an early age, all can become feral.
- A 'stray' is a cat that has been a pet or has had human contact and has been abandoned or lost. It's been trained to be fed and cared for, suddenly, no home or food and water. Their numbers are growing.
- A kitten born in the spring can have it's own kittens by the fall and the cycle continues.
- Traditional methods of control are expensive to the community and are ineffective because of something called The Vacuum Effect.
- There is no other place for these cats, ferals are not adoptable..

An effective, HUMANE solution exists to help care for, reduce and control our street cat population.

TNR Trap-Neuter-Return

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And, TNR is the Law

On November 16, 2007, Cook County's Feral Cat Management Ordinance took effect. This ordinance endorses and encourages TNR as the ONLY effective, humane method of reducing and caring for the cats on the streets.

Be part of the solution.....

Feral cats belong on the streets—it's their home too. Placing a true feral in a home where he hides throughout his life isn't a good life. For the feral, life in the trees, grass and bushes is more familiar. There aren't enough 'farms' to take them. They do, however, need care.

And, think about it. What does it say about us as people if we condone killing an innocent cat. Isn't that same lack of respect for life at the core of today's violence? Wouldn't you rather be part of a community of compassion and respect.

We are looking for people who currently feed cats

We want to help get your cats TNR'd so they don't multiply, so they are healthier, and don't cause a nuisance for your neighbors. We're sensitive to the fear of exposing your cats or yourself. We work in confidence, in respect for all involved. Contact us by phone or email to schedule an appointment.

We are looking for people willing to feed cats

In areas with large numbers of street cats, multiple feeding stations are the solution to eliminating too many cats in one area. The Humane Society of the United States believes that feral cat overpopulation is a community-generated problem and that every community has a responsibility to work toward a solution. A community-based TNR program is the most viable, long-term approach to reduce street cat populations. Cats do need to be cared for, it's a myth that they can care for themselves. They become sickly, starve, freeze and procreate.

The advantages and disadvantages of street cats.

No Rodents! Free entertainment! Watch them frolic, learn their behaviors and habits. **We understand that not everyone enjoys living with cats and for you, there are solutions too.**

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TNR Trap-Neuter-Return

Is a program of Sterilization, Vaccination, Identification and Care. **TNR is the only effective and humane way to manage street cat populations.**

Traditional methods of 'trap and remove' do not work, are costly and promote an attitude of violence and disrespect for life. With TNR, cats are humanely trapped and taken to a veterinarian, neutered and vaccinated for Sick or injured cats are removed and, if possible, are adopted into loving chipped and ear tipped for and returned to their home Managers (people who feed and care for cats) provide much needed food water and shelter. Colony Managers also monitor for new cats in need of TNR and for illness or injury.



where they are spayed or distemper and rabies. treated, diseased cats are friendly cats and kittens homes. They are micro tracking and identification territory where Colony

No More 'Phew' and 'Yowling'

Once cats are spayed and neutered, most don't fight for territory, females don't 'yowl' for a mate, males don't spray to mark their territory. Nuisance behaviors usually dissipate about 2-4 weeks after surgery.

Trap and Remove is inhumane, costly and ineffective

When cats are trapped, remaining cats have bigger litters and more often. New cats move into the territory. It's been well documented and it's called the Vacuum Effect (VC). Cats can have 15 kittens a year; more if VC is involved. Kittens of 5-6 months old can get pregnant. Cats can have litters every 2 months and cats have been found nursing 5-6 week olds with kitties already in their bellies. Each time Animal Control or contractors remove a cat, by municipal ruling, they have to be held for an 'x' number of days prior to euthanasia. Feral cats aren't adopted. Holding fees range \$10-\$15 a day plus the euthanasia fee that ranges from \$50-\$125. TNR costs a fraction of Trap and Remove (TaR).

Trap and remove is a euphemism for trapping and killing cats.

It may seem like a logical solution, but the fact is that it's not effective and it's an endless, costly method.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."- Mahatma Gandhi

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