

## Your Presenter



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## Starting a TNR Program in Your Community



## What we will cover:

1. Basic overview of TNR – and examples of different program models
2. Basic overview of resources needed to start a TNR program
3. Varied examples of how successful TNR programs are set up in different areas
4. Basic trapping tips



## We heard you: additional resources

1. Funding! You all need MONEY! \$\$\$
2. Communicating with dissenters (TNR, public health)
3. Getting feeders on board with TNR
4. Recruiting and organizing volunteers
5. Working with municipalities, convincing them to incorporate TNR/keep cats out of shelters
6. Legal issues, ordinances
7. Outreach/educational materials about TNR
8. Relocation procedures
9. Misc: post-op care requirements; average citizen involvement; bird predation; feeding station examples; how weather affects successful colony management; pediatric S/N; getting S/N services



## Who are YOU?

- Individual
- Grassroots TNR group
- Humane Society/SPCA/bricks & mortar shelter
  - Municipal agency
  - Other?



## What does TNR look like?

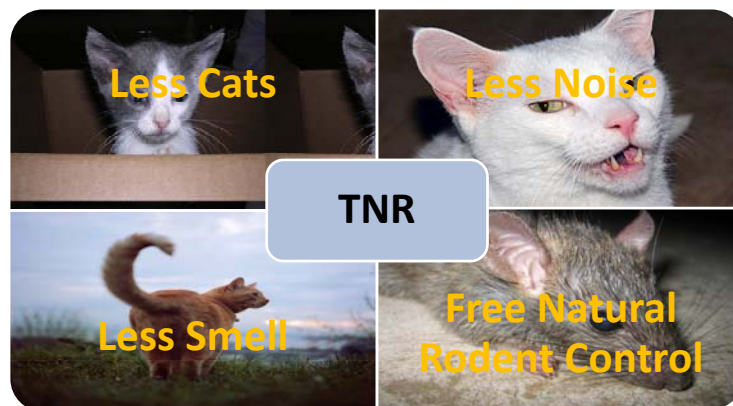


## TNR Common Ground

- There is a supply of cats
- Someone is humanely-trapping the cats
- They are being transported to S/N services
- They are receiving S/N and an eartip (+ rabies?)
- Cats are being returned to their territory
- They are possibly being returned to a managed colony or a community that supported them sufficiently prior to trapping



## General Talking Points



\* Free natural rodent control is often anecdotally mentioned and some communities consider this a positive and have noted a difference pre- and post-cat arrival

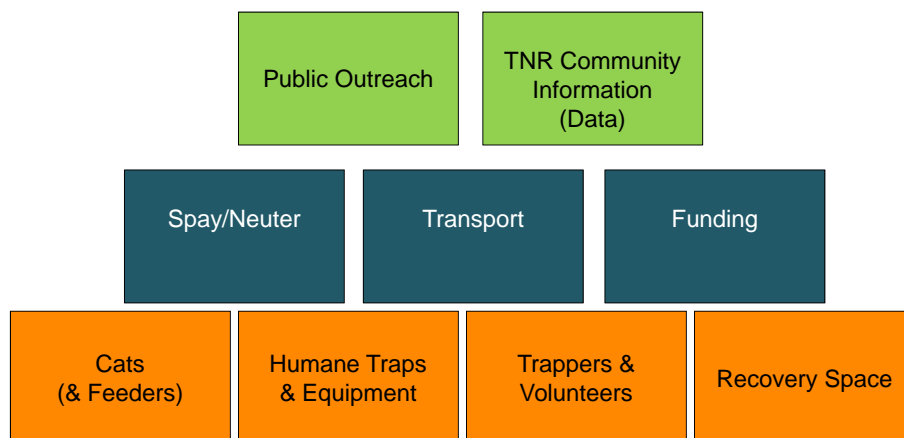


## TNR Variables

- Who are the cats being “enlisted” in this TNR program? Who picks them? Why?
- Who traps them? Volunteers, rescue group staff, ACOs?
- Who provides equipment and transport?
- Who provides the S/N?!
- How much area does the program cover? Is it open to the public? Does it overlap with a municipal agency? If so, how?
- Local and state laws/ordinances can affect who does what
- Returns to managed colony or “field”?
- Friendly cats? Kittens? Outcomes available based on resources
- Other “prongs” of feline overpopulation being addressed? (owned cat S/N, abandonment, fosters, adoptions, RtF, RtC)



## Resource Pyramid



## But the Cats are Coming!



- Who you are will impact *how* you come in contact with the cats
- Who you are and the services you can offer will impact the cats you choose to be part of your TNR program
- **Examples based on point of contact and resources:**
  - ACOs might focus on the cats coming into their shelter to decrease intake or euthanasia
  - Grassroots rescue might focus on fixing all free-roaming cats in their resident neighborhood, working with the feeders



## Areas to Cover?

- **Strategy** – impact!
- **Sustainability** – personnel, medical services, “tertiary” supplies like traps, transport, food, etc.



## Trapping Equipment

- Need a **central location** to hold traps
  - could be at an agency's location, storage facility or a residential garage or basement
- **Lending parameters**
  - Need training?
  - \$ deposit?
  - Contract binding them to return traps, properly cleaned?
- **Funding:** Good grant request for community builder grants



## Trapping Equipment

- **Recommended:** Safeguard 36" 2-door trap SG-36D and Tru-catch Trap Isolator for Large Raccoon Trap (Model TD-2)
- **Ideal to have:** Collapsible drop trap (made by HubCats in Boston – usually a wait list; HubCats also has "how to build" instructions online)
- If ACO is required to lend out traps, can do TNR literature in each trap (low volunteer hours)



## Volunteers (or Staff)



- Humane Trappers
  - Is your group/agency doing volunteer management?
  - How are the trappers trained?
  - How are they contacted and deployed?
  - What are the parameters for offering assistance to feeders of feral cats/nuisance colonies (where feeder needs to be identified)?
  - Will these trappers also be doing outreach to assess the situation or mediate neighbor situations?
- Train humane trappers based on their duties, including overview of group's mission and project parameters



## Volunteers (or Staff)



- Non-Trapping Volunteers?
  - Administrative: aside from general operations, keeping TNR project statistics, internal newsletter; etc.
  - Event planning (outreach events)
  - Transportation assistance
  - Help caretaking cats in traps
  - Disinfecting traps
  - Trap bank inventory manager
  - Neighbor mediation around TNR projects
  - Fundraising
  - Grant-writing
  - Maintaining e-mail list of supporters and donors; produce external group newsletter
  - Distributing public TNR information to pet stores and vet offices
  - Keeping data for the group, researching community data





## Got Volunteers?



- Some ways to get volunteers:
  - Ask. If someone contacts you because they feel bad for the cats, ask for their help in their project and then the next (cultivate good experiences whenever possible)
  - Your group's website – have defined roles and training
  - Public information often leads to interest in volunteering so the more high-traffic community events you do, the more interest you get in volunteering
  - Online communities specific to animals or feral cats
  - Regular posts to Craigslist (volunteers and pets)
  - Idealist, especially for specific skill sets

craigslist



idealist.org



## Keeping Volunteers

- **Reasons it's difficult to retain volunteers:**
  - Different ideas about **volunteer role** or **cat outcomes**; important to manage expectations and recognize volunteers (and to have the right volunteer/personality for the job)
  - TNR is often off-site and there is **no geographic "hub" to rally around** and sometimes **judgment calls** need to be made
  - Managing volunteers and **keeping them included remotely** is often difficult and necessitates a good online communication tool (volunteer newsletters regarding collective TNR work done, community statistics, opportunities for continuing education, creating a TNR community, etc.)
  - **Lack of Warm Fuzzies!** Animal welfare has high levels of Compassion Fatigue/SPTSD; this is sometimes difficult to temper and keep volunteers encouraged by the larger picture of TNR well-being
  - **Burnout:** physically and emotionally



## Recovery Space

### Ideal parameters:

- low stimulus,
- enclosed, separate from other animals (wildlife, pets, adoptions)
- temperature controlled,
- well-lit for identifying any issues pre-/post-surgery (discharge, blood spotting, wounds, abscesses, evidence of ringworm, ear mites, URI, etc.)
- access for caretaking staff or volunteers to get in/out
- has lack of spaces for cat to hide if s/he gets out and a regular door (not wide garage door only)
- If concerned about infectious disease issues with housing free-roaming cats, see ASPCA webinar **Infectious Disease in Home-Based Programs** (<http://www.aspcapro.org/recorded-webinars.php#sheltermedicine>)
- More difficult in urban areas (the more expensive space is, the less you are likely have)



## Spay/Neuter Services

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## S/N Vouchers - Example: Muffins



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- Must stress that **these are clients that wouldn't normally see a private vet**; "extra income" on add-on shots (+ for vet)
- Client pays for voucher; vet sends list of voucher numbers to Muffins; Muffins **promptly pays vet**; runs Muffins like a business; vet payment time always prompt
- \$3-5 administration fee comes off the amount the clients pay for the vouchers to support the program (\$ self-sustaining); public donations also buoy program (**community buy-in, helps vet's rep**)
- Always **personable and professional** to the vets (holiday cards, personal *thank you*, stressing their good deeds for the community); stresses evoking good will of receptionist, office manager and vet
- In 2 years they've sold 500 MAMA (feral) certificates



## S/N Vouchers-Example: Op Catnip

### Reduce Intake

Foster, Enrich, Transfer  
Spay/Neuter

### Feral Cats

> Feral Colony Management  
> Trap-Neuter-Return  
> Resources and Related Links

### In The Trenches

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### Engaging Community

Social Media  
Service Learning

### Connect with Us



### Voucher Program for Feral Cat Sterilizations

Operation Catnip, a no-charge spay/neuter clinic for feral cats in Gainesville, Florida, augments their monthly high-volume spay/neuter clinics with a voucher program. Through this program, local veterinarians perform feral cat sterilizations in their clinics for a greatly reduced fee, shared by both the caregiver and Operation Catnip.

*"I guess it's all about 'giving back' and doing something worthwhile, making a stand where action needs to be taken."*

Operation Catnip Volunteer Veterinarian

### What It Takes

- A solid reputation in the veterinary community.
- Veterinarians who understand the need and are eager to participate.
- Dedicated volunteers to manage the program.
- The ability to raise both start-up funds and funds to cover portions of the sterilization co-pays.



### What We Like

We're impressed with:

- The involvement of many area vets willing to handle and sterilize feral cats.
- A voucher program that has a significant impact on the overall numbers for the organization.



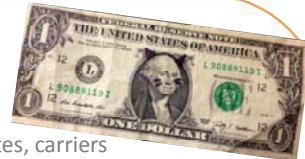
## Transportation

- Volunteer caravan
- Rental truck (need to clean and disinfect)
- Pet Chauffeur (see if there is discounted rate for nonprofits)
- Transport vehicle



## Funding

- **For what?**
  - Equipment – Box traps, drop traps, trap isolators, crates, carriers
  - S/N (in-house svcs, MASH Clinic supplies, subsidized private vet vouchers)
  - TNR project supplies (cat food, gas, tarps)
  - Transportation fees (rentals)
  - Emergency vetting charges, emergency S/N vouchers
  - Printing fees for certification workshop workbooks or public outreach literature (very easy to “brand” with donor’s name)
- **Grants** (large animal welfare options listed in your additional resources)
  - **Local Foundations/Groups** (community builder grants, sponsorship from local stores or BID or similar community or area-specific associations)
- **Public Donations:** fundraisers (events, 50/50 raffles), online donation options (Network for Good, Firstgiving.com, etc.)
- **In-kind Donations:** sheets to cover traps, cat food, trapping bait, winter shelter supplies, newspaper, print shop donations for print runs or copies of outreach or training materials, trap logs



## Stats Info on ASPCApro.org

The screenshot shows the ASPCA Professional website interface. The main content area is titled "Shelter Statistics" and includes the following sections:

- Species, breed, gender, age... Adoptions, intake, length of stay.**
- Do you collect data on the animals coming into your facility? Did you know that you can use these numbers to save more animals' lives? We've got simple tools and resources, written in plain language, to help you put your shelter statistics to work.**
- ASPCA Research**
  - Using GIS Maps to Target Risk:** Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are an exciting new tool for mapping, literally, the geographic location of animals coming into shelters. The results enable us to identify animals most at risk in our communities.
  - Shelter Data 101: What, Why and How to Collect**
  - What Data to Collect:** Recommendations for the basics on what to collect about your incoming animals, their outcomes, and your programs and services.
  - How To Collect Data:** Follow our 9 steps for setting up a system for collecting and reporting your animal data—and training everyone involved.
  - Why Collect Data?** Because otherwise you have no idea how to improve your program! Plus, a special message for those of you who aren't "numbers" people.
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Other visible elements include a search bar, navigation menu (About Us, Webinars, Blog, \$100K Challenge, Calendar, ASPCA Store, Contact Us), a sidebar with various ASPCA Programs, and a "Pro News and Alerts" section.



## Community Info – Your Statistics

- **How are you capturing these?**
  - # Cats pulled from street, by intersection?
  - # TNR'd?
  - # adults adopted? # of kittens adopted?
  - Software program? (Excel or Access)
  - Google Maps?
- **When this is useful**
  - Measuring impact
  - Your literature to the public for support
  - Your work with ACOs and nuisance complaints
  - Which areas to target?
- **Important to incentivize!**
  - Free food giveaways
  - Collective community information

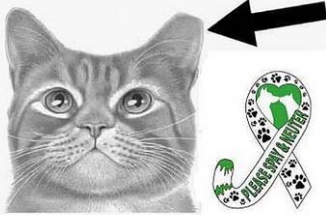


## Public Information

- TNR is not intuitive - “You put the cats back out?”
- What it is, how it works and what you do!
- And how can they help?



## Have you seen cats with ears like this?



These cats have been “ear-tipped” or “notched”. This is a surgical alteration showing that a free-living cat has been spayed/neutered. It’s part of “TNR”, which means “Trap”, “Neuter”, “Return”.

These cats should never be re-trapped or brought to a shelter, unless sick. Instead, they should be left in their neighborhood to provide cat population control. Studies have shown by just being there, they prevent other cats from moving into the area. And, because they have been fixed, they will never have litters of kittens.

Even if you don’t like cats, TNR ear-tipped cats have an important job to do in keeping your neighborhood a nice place to live.

[www.thebridgerescue.petfinder.org](http://www.thebridgerescue.petfinder.org)





## Public Information – Venues

- **Street Fairs, High-Traffic Retail Spaces**
  - Getting TNR information and resources out to the public
  - Collecting information from them on a mailing list or raffle entry (name, email, do they want to volunteer?)
  - Letting them know how they can help, even if they're not doing TNR themselves



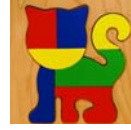
## Public Information – Venues

**Consider whether you want to bring:**

- Cats up for adoption – focus is typically on animals vs message; do you have personnel who can manage the free-roaming cat population tie-in effectively?
- Traps as a visual – often scares people who care about the cats, attracts a different demographic than you might want – not best visual for what TNR is



## Putting the Puzzle Together



- **Assess what is already present** in your community (including others who might want to join forces to start a TNR program, other animal welfare groups who might want to collaborate) – look to the building blocks in the pyramid to see what’s missing and what could be present if collaborations took place
- **Decide which cats you can/want to focus on** – is this scale manageable for you to build a plan to address? Look to other similar programs for scale and resources needed
- **Assess any hurdles** (state or local laws, significant lack of veterinarians, etc.) and research ways others’ have addressed these issues in the past
- **Start building your plan** – even if it is only to focus on public outreach to assemble other folks interested in TNR in your community



## Possible Group Structure

- **TNR Stand-Alone**
  - Usually have rescue experience and sometimes either their own rescue leg or a sister rescue group as well
- **Rescue Group with TNR Component**
  - Primarily rescue but have TNR education or trapping assistance program because a lot of their adoptable kittens were born of feral mothers
- **Animal Control Organization**
  - Usually receive nuisance calls and trapped nuisance cats
  - Return to Field option
  - Eartip return





## Animal Control Agencies – Before

- **The “Do Nothing” Choice**
  - Bad public perception; problem still exists
- **The Trap & Kill Method**
  - Growing societal opposition
  - Bad public perception of taxpayer money and ACO time spent on trapping
  - Difficult to trap all cats – those that remain quickly breed to capacity or new cats are abandoned intact/move in from adjacent areas



## Animal Control Agencies – Now

### Choices

- Partner with a program that conducts TNR
- Provide traps and facilitate trapping
- Script for all calls coming to agency for cat complaints
- Help provide \$ for s/n of feral cats
- Run own TNR program (RtField)
- If required to rent traps, provide TNR literature in each trap (easy volunteer job)



## TNR Program Tour



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## 7 Questions

- 1) Which community of free-roaming cats is served?
- 2) Who traps?
- 3) Who provides trapping equipment and transport to the S/N?
- 4) Who provides S/N and what are the age parameters?
- 5) How are the cats returned?
- 6) Specific community issues addressed?
- 7) How many cats per year and if there is any noted effected on stray intake? (or any positive feedback from the community)



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## Feral Cat FOCUS of Western New York

Providing Feral Cats with Fundamental Community Services

- **Cat Source:** Public – preferably caretakers who can provide on-going care for the cats however, FCF has helped with cats who may not have individually identified feeders – ex: barn cats, store cats, and cats at residences (trailer parks/apartment complexes); folks hear about FCF via referrals from other animal groups, word of mouth or the FCF website
- **Trapping equipment, transport to S/N:** Public – FCF trains individuals to safely trap and transport cats to the clinic and lends traps to those who are willing to TNR
- **Public education and outreach:** FCF prioritizes educating the community about feral cats, TNR and proper colony management – not only for the individual's use but so they can teach others



## Feral Cat FOCUS of Western New York

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- **Spay/Neuter:** Erie County has a Maddie's Fund Grant, free-roaming cats who reside in Erie County can be spayed/neutered at Operation PETS for \$10. Other free-roaming cats are spayed/neutered at Operation PETS for \$25. This is regardless of coming into Operation PETS on a regular work day or coming into Operation PETS on a feral cat Wednesday
- Feral Cat FOCUS no longer does Sunday spay/neuter for ferals at Operation PETS – they used to do this with one paid vet, two paid techs, and the rest were volunteers. Now they do **all feral cat spay/neuter on Wednesdays at Operation PETS** with regular staff and use of a few volunteers. Usually do about **37-40 cats** on a Wednesday.
- **On Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, in celebration of National Feral Cat Day, Feral Cat FOCUS and Operation PETS spayed/neutered 53 free roaming cats FOR FREE!**
- S/N starts at 3 months old



## Feral Cat Focus of Western New York

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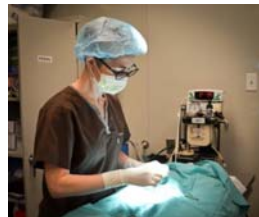
- **Return!** The cats are returned by the folks who trapped them, to their resident territory. After discharge Operation PETS, FCF provides written and verbal post-operative care information including a medical post-op care line
- **7,000 feral cats have been TNVR'd from 2003-2011** while convincing local governments and neighborhood leaders that TNR is effective, humane population control – and FCF is called on to address local governments about the advantages of TNR
- The SPCA serving Erie County and the Niagara County SPCA **no longer accept healthy feral cats for euthanasia** - people who make an inquiry about feral cats at the SPCA are now referred to FCF (the 1<sup>st</sup> year Erie County SPCA made this change, their cats euths decreased 26% at 1041 cats and cat intake dropped by 17%, at a total of 1,404 cats)



## Austin Humane Society



- **Cat Source:** Public and focused areas
- **Trapping , transport to S/N:** Public and some volunteers
- **Trapping equipment:** AHS with a refundable deposit (claimed if trap not returned)
- **AHS provides the S/N** and start at 3 months or 3 pounds
- **Return!** The cats are returned by the folks who trapped them, to their resident territory. After discharge by AHS both males and females recover for 24 hours with their trapper and are returned. There is a very low incidence of post-operative issues



## Austin Humane Society

- **Numbers:** Approximately 5,000 free-roaming cats per year!
- **Effect on community:**
  - Much success particularly in individual locations
  - Have seen that colony management works!
  - These managed colonies provide good examples for those interested in TNR – providing real-life examples that TNR works!



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## NYC's Collaborative TNR Groups

Core Resources Groups: workshops, transport, special projects, S/N



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## NYC's Collaborative TNR Groups

- **Cats?** Public – the majority of the free-roaming cats “enlisted” in TNR programs come from members of the public who are willing to trap and manage colonies. There are limited situations that receive TNR assistance based on availability of TNR experts to help. That said, a majority of the TNR groups often work with feeders in their community to have their cats fixed.
- **Trapper?** Members of the public are trained via the Neighborhood Cats TNR workshop and are then entitled to sign up for low-cost S/N via the ASPCA or other low-cost S/N programs that handle feral cats.
- **Trapping equipment and transport to the S/N?** There are a few options for trap banks in NYC (ASPCA and NYC Feral Cat Initiative both run banks and collectively have about 100 traps) which include box and drop traps.

The ASPCA runs a transport service to/from key locations to our stationary clinic for clients who have booked appointments with us. The Mayor's Alliance (the umbrella group for NYC Feral Cat Initiative) often uses their Wheels of Hope transport vans to get cats in traps to and from recovery space and the S/N clinic, ASPCA or otherwise. Many rescuers with vehicles also chose to do self-transport.



## NYC's Collaborative TNR Groups

- **S/N?** The ASPCA provides the highest volume of S/N for free-roaming cats in NYC at our stationary spay/neuter clinic for \$5 for S/N, eartip and rabies vaccination. The ASPCA will fix kittens at 2 months, 2 pounds.

Other S/N groups also offer low-cost spay/neuter specific to ferals and previously Mayor's Alliance had a 1 year Community Cats grant for S/N of feral cats at feral-friendly private veterinarians who were willing to be trained in how to handle ferals at their practice and, in turn, speak to other local private vets about this process.

- **Returned!** The cats are returned to their territory by their trappers (whether it's their colony or a feeder's colony).
- **Community issues:** Animal Care and Control long ago stopped trapping feral cats on reported nuisance complaints and they will contact Neighborhood Cats with an “eartip alert” if an eartipped cat has been trapped by a member of the public and turned in to ACC so the caretaker can claim it.
- **Success!** We've seen colony management work well as reported by caretakers, colony sizes are often reduced significantly either immed/in just a few years



## San Jose ACS – Feral Freedom



- **Cats?** Any cat that is brought in by the public is a potential candidate for the program
- **Who traps?** the public, TNR cat trappers, animal control officers, pest control
- **Trapping equipment and transport to the S/N?**  
The public, TNR cat trappers, animal control officers, pest control. SJ ACS will provide traps to the public for a deposit, but only for TNR. If they want to trap a cat to have it euthanized, we won't give them a trap.
- **Who provides S/N and what are the age parameters?**  
San Jose ACS does all of the medical services, generally no TNR of cats under 4months due to rabies vaccine requirements



## San Jose ACS – Feral Freedom



- **Return!** Volunteer cat rescue group, recovery is 1-2 days in the shelter, often during the holding period
- **Specific community issues addressed?** Reproduction, nuisance behaviors
- **How many cats per year and if there is any noted effected on stray intake? (or any positive feedback from the community)**  
2,000 – 2,500 per year go through the program. In less than three years (program began in March 2010), adult cat intake has decreased more than 25%, kitten intake has decreased more than 25%. Positive feedback from public and elected officials regarding improved save rates (adult cat save rate is over 80%), reduced intake, and using a humane option to handle cat population issues.
- **How is the program funded?**  
Funding is provided by savings from lowered intake.



## Charleston



**Cats?** 2 areas – **ACO for Return-to-Field (RtF)** (public call to ACO), **Return-to-Colony** (public, colony caretaker) [Feline Freedom Coalition, will help ACOs if they need trapping assistance); any cat in fair health

**Who traps?** Public, ACOs in field, Feline Freedom Coalition

**Who provides trapping equipment and transport to the S/N?** CAS runs a trap bank for those wishing to do TNR; possibility of transport help for those in need (public)

**Who provides S/N and what are the age parameters?** CAS (S/N, eartip, rabies and FVRCP vaccinations, microchip are free)

Cost of S/N, vaccs, chip and boarding is approximately \$35/cat and the program estimated providing the service for 1k cats per year (start up costs were \$3500 for traps, transfer cages, shelving, misc equipment); received granting from the ASPCA to fund program

Kittens under 12 weeks are not eligible for the program because they cannot be properly vaccinated for rabies – they are placed in a foster program



## Charleston



**Specific community issues addressed?** TNR plan was created with Animal Control, shelter and rescue community stakeholders and had endorsement of vets at county's two largest shelters (Jan 2012) -- addressed free-roaming **cat outcome issues** comprehensively (RtF, RtC, foster)

Recognized program **legally** (set up ordinance); media coverage of the ordinance legalizing the return of *healthy, fixed, chipped, rabies/FVRCP-vacc'd and eartipped* free-roaming cats to the field actually introduced the county to the program so no additional marketing funds were needed at kickoff; since ordinance discussions were on-going, they didn't force the program on the community (very few dissenters)

Provision built in for repeat **trappings for nuisance behavior** (trapped 3 or more times = relocation or euthanasia); DNR can be returned up to 300 yards from where they were trapped

Provision also built in for **any free-roaming cat (owned or not)** to be subject to the ordinance and therefore TNR/RtF program





## Charleston



### How are the cats returned?

For Return-to-Field: Animal Control returns TNR cats and the shelter returns the DNRs;

For colony caretakers participating in TNR: the caretaker returns to colony location;

Hold time is overnight, ensuring there are no complications, with return being the following day (approx 24 hours)

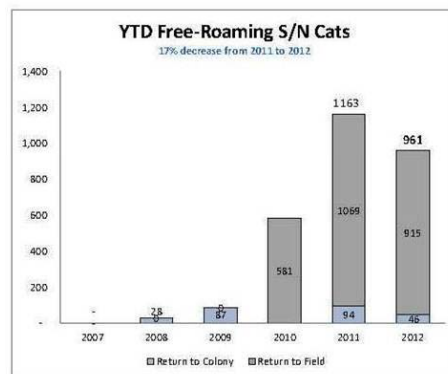


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- Experiencing a 17% decrease in free roaming cats entering our program in spite of (1) animal control agencies increasing staff and hours of operation this year, (2) many more traps available and (3) popularity of the program – all three factors contributing to an increased capacity to bring in MORE cats.

- Decreased stray intake by 13%



## Basic Trapping Tips

- No contact with free-roaming unsocialized cats
- Using trap dividers/isolators
- Keeping traps covered, sheets
- Unattended trap risks (stolen, moms and kittens, two cats)



## Basic Trapping Tips

- Inventory colony – consider outcomes based on IMPACT and RESOURCES (pregnant moms/how old are kittens, sick cats, what types of traps are needed!)
- Pre and post-surgery hold times
- Trap logs pre-/post-surgery
- Not testing for FeLV/FIV in healthy-presenting ferals

TRAP NUMBER:	Date trapped:	Physical description:
	Location:	

The medical team should check the following on this cat:

Mark if →	Ate wet? Ate dry? Food untouched?	Urine or BM? Diarrhea? Any blood in urine?	Observations?	Caretaker initials (in case questions come up later)
Friday am				
Friday pm				
Saturday am				



## QUESTIONS?



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## A FEW COMING ATTRACTIONS FROM ASPCA PRO

[www.aspcapro.org/webinars](http://www.aspcapro.org/webinars)

- **Beating Ringworm: Yes, You Can!** (10/23)
- **Let's Talk Fungus** (10/24)
- **After the Grant Award** (11/07)
- **Canine Assessment: SAFER Overview & Research** (11/28)
- **Building a Better Website** (12/11)

