

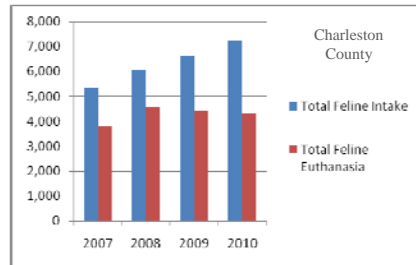


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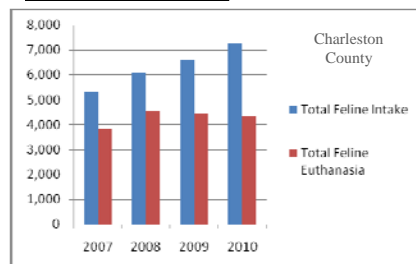


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**What is Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)?** The TNR approach sterilizes cats and then returns them to the location where they were trapped, as opposed to removing them for euthanasia or leaving them alone.

**Why not just continue to “catch and kill” them?** Trap-Remove-Euthanize is a short-term solution for a location unless the food and shelter that attracts the cats are removed from the habitat. If outside feeding by people, dumpsters and other food sources are not eliminated, cats from nearby areas will move into the **vacuum** left by the cats who were trapped and euthanized. This approach has **not worked** for other areas nor Charleston County.

**The truth about Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and feral cats:**

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| TNR permanently reduces the number of cats.  | TNR reduces nuisance behaviors.                                    |
| TNR reduces rather than encourages predation and does not significantly impact bird species. | Feral cats are rarely aggressive, tending to shy away from humans. |
| TNR saves taxpayers’ dollars.  | TNR does not pose a risk for rabies.                               |
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