

TNR, also known as Trap-Neuter-Return, is the most effective and humane method to fight against the overpopulation of community cats.

PRICES

Feral Spay/Neuter **\$50**

Rabies Vaccine **\$10**

FVRCP Vaccine **\$10**

****Surgery is free for Richland County Residents**

The Humane Society initiated our TNR Program in 2007 to help reduce the issue of animal overpopulation in our community.

By spay/neutering one male and one female cat, more than 2,000 unwanted births could be prevented in just four years. By doing this, less cats will end up in shelters and ultimately lowering euthanasia rates.

TNR is not about rescuing cats, it's about population control and permanently reducing the number of feral cats in an area.

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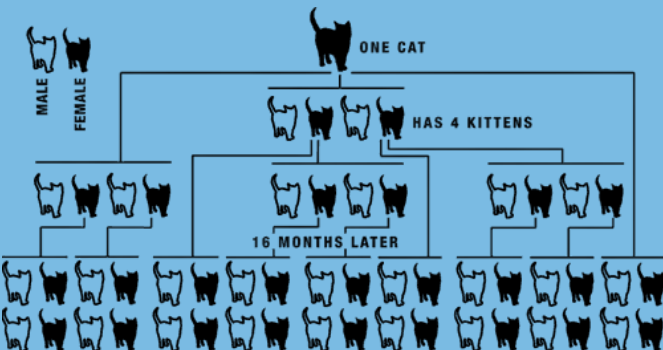
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APPROACH FOR FERAL CATS**

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FERALS VS. STRAYS

Stray cats are relaxed in a human's presence. They will come up to you and let you pet them. These cats are tame and could have at some point been lost or abandoned but has been socialized and is comfortable coming up to humans.

Feral cats on the other hand are cats that have had little to no human interaction and live fully in the wild. They are fearful of humans and are unwilling to be handled.

Feral cats will commonly have a tipped ear or tattoo to indicate they have already been spayed/neutered.

BENEFITS OF TNR

- Reduces the spread of disease
- Eliminates nuisance behaviors such as spraying and fighting
- Creates a safer community and overall public health by decreasing the amount of unvaccinated cats
- Lowers cat intake into shelters, thereby lowering shelter euthanasia rates
- The returned, spayed/neutered colony guards its territory, discouraging unneutered cats from moving in and beginning the cycle of overpopulation
- Permanently reduces the number of cats in an area

HOW DOES IT WORK?



1. TRAP

After adequate preparations, colony cats are trapped using humane traps within a day before surgery.

2. NEUTER

Appointments are required for surgery. Please contact our office to be placed on our feral cat schedule. On surgery day, the captured cat must be brought in their trap, along with a separate hard sided (plastic) pet carrier. Drop off time is between 7:00-8:00am.

3. RETURN

After recovery from surgery, the feral cats are picked up in a hard, plastic carrier and returned to where they were trapped with ongoing access to food & water. A space is needed for them to recover in for at least 48 hours following surgery. Ensure the carrier is cleaned and the ferals fed preferably twice a day.

AFTER SURGERY CARE

- Feral cats are placed into a regular pet carrier after surgery and should remain in that carrier overnight.
- Cats can be released 24 hours post surgery.
 - Note: It is very important that you release feral cats in the same location where you trapped them. Feral cats generally do not do well if they are relocated. If you must relocate feral cats, reference Alley Cat Allies on the proper way to do this. (www.alleycat.org).
- Cats should remain in the pet carrier during the recovery period. Do not attempt to handle the cat.
- Please keep the cat in a temperature controlled environment during their recovery. Anesthesia reduces an animal's ability to regulate their body temperature.
- If possible, offering the cat some canned food the evening after surgery or the next morning before release is advantageous to their recovery. Please take extreme caution when attempting to open the carrier.
- If you have concerns about the recovery of the cat, please contact us at **803-783-1267** or **info@humanesc.org**.