

WHAT IS TNR?

TRAP NEUTER RETURN

TRAP

Your community cats are trapped using humane live traps that are triggered when the cat enters it to eat the tasty bait (sardines, chicken, etc).

NEUTER

Your cats are transported to a low cost, non-profit spay/neuter clinic where they are fixed, vaccinated, ear-tipped, and microchipped.

RETURN

After a short recovery time, your cats are returned to their outdoor home where they are happiest, to live healthier lives together.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CAT?

Community cats are unowned cats who live outdoors in virtually every landscape on every continent where people live. Like pet cats, they belong to the domestic cat species (*Felis catus*). However, community cats, also called feral cats, are generally not socialized - or friendly - to people. They live full, healthy lives with their feline families (called colonies) in their outdoor homes.

WHY SHOULD WE DO TNR?

TNR stabilizes feral cat populations – no more kittens are born. TNR is the humane option for community cats and it improves cats' lives by relieving them of the stresses of mating and pregnancy. Sterilization and vaccination provide a public health benefit to the community, too, a vast improvement over the failed trap-and-kill approach that's been used for generations.



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People for Animals
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TNR PROGRAM

WHAT'S INCLUDED

EACH CAT TRAPPED IS:

- fixed (spayed/neutered),
- vaccinated for rabies and FVRCP,
- ear-tipped and tattooed (female cats off to the side of the surgical incision and male cats on the belly button)
- microchipped.

The cost per cat for these services is \$62. Karma Cat + Zen Dog does TNR as a community service, however your donation to cover these costs allows us to continue our work to prevent needless suffering and more homeless cats. We are a 501c3 non-profit, and any donation is tax deductible. A donation receipt is available on request. Donations can be made via cash, check, or PayPal.

WHAT IS AN EAR TIP?

Each community cat that goes in for spay/neuter has the tip of their left ear removed in a safe and pain-free operation. The wound heals quickly, and allows for quick and easy identification of a cat who has already been sterilized and belongs to a community cat colony. This can often deter others from trapping this cat again in the future – leaving it in its community where it is taken care of.

WHY DO WE MICROCHIP COMMUNITY CATS?

Along with an ear-tip, each community cat receives a microchip. Microchipping community cats ensures that, if they are ever brought into a shelter, they can be returned to their home colony. Without a microchip, an ear-tipped community cat that enters the shelter system is more likely to be euthanized as feral and unadoptable.

WHAT WE DO

- We can teach you the basics of trapping so you can do it yourself, or we can arrange for our team to do the trapping.
- Traps can be borrowed for a \$70 refundable fee per trap.
- We schedule appointments at the clinic, and arrange for transportation from our “Waiting Room” to the clinic and back on the day of surgery.
- Veterinarian recommendations will be followed. If a cat is sick, they may not have surgery.

We hold the cats in our “Recovery Room” for post-op recovery, or we can teach you how to care for the cats in your own recovery space.

- o Males recover 24 – 48 hrs
- o Females recover 48 – 72 hrs

After recovery, we bring the cats back to the same location they were trapped to be returned to their colony.

We provide you with copies of vaccination and sterility certificates, along with microchip information.

We can provide you with information and tips on how to foster and socialize kittens from your colony so you can adopt them out.

WHAT WE DON'T DO

- We will not relocate any community cat from its current colony.
- We do not test community cats for FIV/FelV.
- We will not consider euthanasia for a community cat unless medically recommended.
- We cannot promise to bring kittens into our foster/adoption program.

TRAPPING PREPARATION

- Feed cats on a consistent schedule.
- Feed cats in the same location for all meals.
- Do not feed the cats the day before trapping.
- Trap training may be needed for some situations
- Trapping is typically done the day before surgery appointments.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Revolution Flea/Tick Treatment
- Pain Medication

*prices confirmed at the time of trapping

