



LET'S

TALK

ABOUT

TNR

TRAP
NEUTER
RETURN

The PROBLEM:

It is estimated that tens of millions of feral and stray cats freely roam the United States and rapidly breed.

Lack of action and ineffective approaches have resulted in a serious population problem. Attempts to rescue all feral cats and find them homes is neither feasible nor possible given their numbers and limited socialization. Removing and relocating all the feral cats is not a sound solution due to expense, time, and the fact that it only invites new unneutered cats to move in and the cycle of reproduction begins again.

The SOLUTION:

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the only method proven to be humane and effective in controlling free-roaming cat population growth. TNR is about:



After adequate preparations which include educating the community about the TNR process, community cats are humanely trapped.

Humanely trapped cats are transported to a spay/neuter provider where they are surgically sterilized and given appropriate vaccinations.



After surgery and appropriate recovery, community cats are returned to where they were trapped and are supplied with ongoing access to fresh food and water.



Population control and **permanent reduction** of the number of cats in an area.



Lowering the number of cat intakes into animal control facilities, thereby lowering **euthanasia rates**.



Reducing the spread of disease.



Sterilized cats returned to their colonies **guard their territory**, which discourages unneutered cats from moving in and beginning a new cycle of overpopulation.

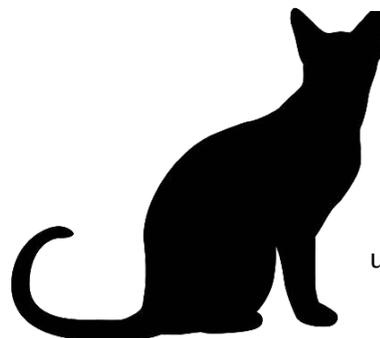
What's the difference?

STRAY CAT

A tame cat who has become lost or been abandoned but has been socialized at some point.

FERAL CAT

A cat who has had little contact with humans and is fearful and untrusting of people. Will not allow you to touch them.



What does a tipped ear mean?



A tipped ear is the universal sign of a sterilized community cat.

This procedure involves removing about 1/4" off the tip of the (typically left) ear while the cat is under anesthesia for sterilization. It heals rapidly and helps to prevent unnecessary recapture.