



HUMANE
TRAP - NEUTER -
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AT CATS AT LARGE

our mission is to humanely reduce the feral cat population through **Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)** practices, while educating and empowering the community to actively participate in compassionate cat care and boots-on-the-ground TNR efforts. We are dedicated to creating a safer environment for feral cats and enhancing the well-being of our neighborhoods. Through education, outreach, and hands-on support, we inspire community involvement and foster a culture of responsibility and respect for all feline lives.



WHAT IS TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR)?



The TNR process is straightforward, community cats are humanely trapped and taken to a veterinary clinic.



At the clinic, they are spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies, as well as the most common viral infections present in outdoor cat populations.



They are eartipped at the clinic, which is a universal indicator that a cat has undergone TNR.



Afterward, they are returned to their familiar outdoor environments, allowing them to live out their lives where they are already well-adapted and thriving.

CORE VALUES

Our mission is guided by a set of core values that shape every aspect of our work and interaction with the community:

RADICAL EMPATHY

We approach every cat and person with deep compassion and understanding, ensuring that we meet their needs with respect and kindness. Our commitment to radical empathy drives us to see the world through the eyes of the cats we rescue and the people who support our mission, fostering a nurturing environment for all.

INNOVATING THINKING

We embrace creativity and forward-thinking solutions to address the challenges in cat advocacy and care. By continuously seeking new methods and technologies, we aim to improve the well-being of cats and enhance our rescue operations, making a lasting impact in the lives of the animals and communities we serve.

COMMUNITY AND COLLABORATION





We believe in the power of working together. Building strong partnerships with volunteers, donors, local businesses, and other animal welfare organizations is crucial to our success. Through collaboration, we create a supportive network that amplifies our efforts and achieves shared goals for the betterment of cats everywhere.

RESOURCEFULNESS

We maximize the use of our resources, ensuring that every donation, volunteer hour, and effort is utilized effectively. Our resourceful approach enables us to stretch our capabilities, overcome obstacles, and provide the highest standard of care and support for cats in need. These core values are the foundation of our dedication to advocating and caring for cats, driving us to create a compassionate and innovative community dedicated to making a difference.

WHAT MAKES TNR THE COMPASSIONATE CHOICE FOR FERAL CATS?

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is recognized as the only humane and effective method for managing community cats, which are unowned cats living outdoors. Scientific studies have demonstrated that TNR effectively reduces community cat populations by halting the breeding cycle, preventing the birth of new kittens. This approach not only stabilizes cat populations but also

-  **Alleviates community concerns**
-  **Decreases shelter intake**
-  **Decreases euthanasia rates**
-  **Reduces calls to animal control services, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars**

When community cats are spayed or neutered, they no longer engage in mating behaviors, which significantly reduces noise from yowling, fighting, and spraying. This leads to better relationships between cats and nearby residents. Additionally, spaying and neutering prevent certain reproductive diseases, improving the overall health of the cats.

TNR has been successfully implemented in various settings across the United States and globally, from urban to rural areas and in different climates. Communities that adopt TNR, whether through grassroots efforts or official policies, have seen significant positive impacts.



In Cook County, Illinois, a large-scale TNR program led to a **41% reduction** in cat colony sizes across multiple zip codes over five years. We hope to help Milwaukee achieve similar success with the Cats at Large Program.

Overall, TNR is a sustainable and compassionate solution that benefits both cats and communities. It demonstrates that humane and ethical population control is achievable and effective in various environments.

TARGETED TNR

Cats at Large is a Targeted TNR organization. We use data reports from local shelters and animal control to strategically plan and schedule trapping projects throughout the Milwaukee area. This helps us maximize the impact of our sterilization efforts and more effectively manage the community cat population. We empower our community members to get involved with TNR in their own neighborhoods via our Community DIY TNR Program!:

COMMUNITY DIY TNR

Are there stray cats in your neighborhood who need your help? Turn your compassion into action by requesting to rent a DIY TNR kit! We provide everything you need to start doing TNR in your own neighborhood, including spay/neuter surgery and preventative vet care. Use the QR code below to access our **DIY TNR Kit request form**:

