

Community Cats and Our TNR Program

At our clinic, we aim to improve the lives of stray and feral colony felines by providing medical services including spay and neuter procedures, as well as vaccines and general medical exams.

What is a Community Cat?



As defined by the Animal Humane Society, "Community cats are un-owned cats that live outdoors in the community. They may be feral or friendly, may have been born into the wild, or may be lost or abandoned pets."

They originate from former domestic cats who were lost or abandoned and then learned to live outdoors or in environments involving little human contact. Feral cats are not socialized to people and are therefore not adoptable.

What is TNR?

Trap-Neuter-Return is a program through which feral or community cats are humanely trapped, sterilized and returned to the outdoor locations where they were found. Since most feral cats live in a colony, it is important that they are released back into the same colony to help prevent any aggressive interactions.

What does our Feral Fund Cover?

Our Feral Fund grant covers the cost of surgery and the rabies vaccine. In order for a community cat to qualify for our Feral Fund, they must be brought to their appointment in a humane trap with no visible signs of ownership or identification. Additionally, they must be ear tipped at the time of surgery.

Why is it important?

Overpopulation is the number one cause of death of healthy cats in the United States. Over 25,000 cats are killed in shelters daily while waiting for homes. It is estimated that 53 percent of feral/community cats are female. These females and their male partners can produce over 100 kittens over a 7 year period. By spaying/neutering even a few colonies, we can drastically cut down the amount of cats/kittens entering shelters in our service area.

Funding is limited

Our TNR program is funded by generous donor and grant money in order to make the biggest impact on the local community of cats in need. Our Feral Fund is specifically for community cats who are unable to be adopted.

At this time, appointments are reserved for our 501c3 and municipal rescue partners and monthly appointments are limited. If you would like to put your rescue organization on a waitlist, please email us at clinic@ral.org.



You can rent from us!

Come by the clinic at 801 Branchway Road anytime Monday through Friday between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM to rent a trap for one month.