

Trap - Neuter - Return (TNR)



What is a feral cat?

Feral cats have not been very socialized to people. Typically, they cannot be handled or picked up. They often live in groups and will have strong bonds with other members in the colony.

Feral cats make their home where they find food and shelter. That is the reason so many feral cats are found in urban areas.

Feral cats are not adoptable in our humane shelters because they cannot be safely handled.



Trap - Neuter - Return is an effective and humane way to stabilize feral cat populations. If a cat can be handled and is friendly to people, Greenhill Humane Society will attempt to find the cat a loving home. A healthy feral cat will be returned to the area it was trapped. If a cat is sick or injured the veterinarian may choose humane euthanasia if it appears the cat would suffer upon being returned. The cat's ear will be tipped during the surgery, enabling it to be identified as having been spayed or neutered.



Trap and relocation to another area does not work. It is well documented that the "Vacuum Effect" takes place, meaning that new cats move in to take advantage of the available food and shelter. Spaying and neutering, then returning the cats to their environment, is the best option. TNR reduces the number of breeding cats and over time the colony will be reduced naturally.

Greenhill Humane Society is a private, 501c3 non-profit shelter. GHS relies on your generous donations. We receive no government grants or subsidies. You can help by adopting a pet, spay/neutering your pet, donating gifts of every kind or volunteering.

Community Support

Members of your community are banding together to humanely address the feral cat issue. Trappers have gone through an extensive course on trapping and handling of feral cats. They are donating their time to assist individuals, businesses, apartment managers, and mobile home parks.

What can you do to help?

If trapping is being done in your complex or park, flyers will be placed on your door or left at the park's management office. Make sure that your cat has a collar and that it is properly identified with name and phone number of the owner.

Feeding of the feral cats should be done at specific times, once in the morning and then again in the evening. The food should be left out only for 20-30 minutes and then removed. This will keep the cats coming to the feeding area during prescribed time periods which will make trapping much easier.

Assist trappers by letting them know of additional areas where cats are being fed and where they are finding shelter.

Our Mission Statement:

Greenhill Humane Society envisions a community in which all companion animals have loving homes and are treated with compassion and respect.

Scientific studies show that Trap/Neuter/Return, also known as TNR, is the primary humane and effective approach for managing feral cats.

Trap-Neuter-Return improves the lives of feral cats, improves their relationships with the humans who live near them, and decreases the size of colonies over time. These studies have been conducted in multiple countries, and have been published in a variety of peer-reviewed scientific journals.

In addition to improving the lives of cats, TNR makes cats better neighbors to the humans who live near them.

Neutered cats make less noise and fight less.

Not feeding cats will not work.

Unless there is another food source nearby, the cats won't leave the area. A cat can go without food but can continue to breed. Trying to starve out cats

Help us keep this program alive

Donate to Greenhill Humane Society. Go to our website and click on "Donate Now" or mail in your contribution. Indicate that it is for the TNR program and the funds will be used for our community's feral cats. Together we CAN make a difference.



Trap/Neuter/Return Program is supported by:

Lane County Veterinary Medical Association

Greenhill Humane Society

Lane County Animal Services

City of Eugene

Be Part of the SOLUTION

Spay and neuter your own companion pets
Encourage your friends to spay and neuter
Keep your cats indoors
Microchip or make sure that your cat wears proper identification



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**Caring for Community Feral and Free
Roaming Cats**

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