

Trap – Neuter – Return

What is TNR?



Trap Neuter Return (TNR) is for Outdoor Cats in your neighborhood. Cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, ear-tipped and returned to the location where they were found. TNR is the most humane and effective method for stabilizing outdoor cat populations. For information or assistance, please call the ADLA/Spay Neuter Hotline at 602-265-7729 or visit www.somanycats.org for more information.

Trap

Outdoor cats are humanely trapped by TNR participants, including trained volunteers, caregivers, and other qualified participants. The traps used are humane, "TruCatch" box traps. Traps, training and instructions are provided through ADLA's TNR Program.

Neuter

The cats are spayed or neutered by a veterinarian. These surgeries are sometimes called "fixing" or "altering" a cat. The left ear is "tipped" to identify the cat as fixed. "Tipped" means that a tiny part of the ear's tip is snipped to indicate that the cat has been altered. This procedure is performed while the cat is under anesthesia. Ear-tipping is a universal identifier of a sterilized homeless outdoor cat and helps those who are trapping cats to know that the spay/neuter has already been completed, thus avoiding subjecting the cat to a needless trapping and a second unnecessary surgical experience.

Return

The cats are returned to their original location where caregivers may continue to provide food and water.

Where Do Outdoor Cats Come From?

Most outdoor cats are either abandoned pets or the offspring of abandoned pets. Oftentimes, the offspring are not socialized to people.

What are the benefits of TNR?

- Ends the breeding cycle and stabilizes the
- More effective and less expensive than extermination
- Eliminates or minimizes annoying behaviors such as spraying, yowling, and fighting.
- Helps end the suffering of unwanted, homeless cats.
- Reduces euthanasia by decreasing the number of homeless kittens born on the streets and turned into the shelters

What are other terms for Outdoor cats? Feral cats, community cats, free-roaming cats

Need More Information?

Please call the Spay Neuter Hotline at 602.265.7729 or visit the Animal Defense League of Arizona's website at www.adlaz.org or www.somanycats.org

Thank you for helping to stabilize the outdoor cat population!

