

Spay and Stay is a non-profit organization dedicated to working with compassionate individuals and local governments to control the growth of the feral cat population in Lake County, Illinois, while implementing long-term solutions to significantly reduce unaltered, free-roaming and/or abandoned domestic cats.



humane

And a long-term solution.

Help us reach more caretakers who are helping feral cats.

I want to help.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Amount enclosed:

\$25 \$50 \$75 _____

Your donation will help sterilize more feral and stray cats, which will help these cats live more healthy and peaceful lives.

Please cut out and return this form with your donation and make checks payable to:

Spay and Stay.

Thanks you!



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Trap-Neuter-Return

A humane approach for feral cat population management.



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Trap-Neuter-Return

We offer a humane alternative to the overpopulation of cats in our area.

TNR works because it stops the breeding cycle. By reducing the number of kittens born on the streets of our communities, TNR helps reduce the burden on local animal shelters which can then focus on the job of finding loving homes for the adult residents at their facilities.

Services offered through TNR program:

- spay or neuter
- microchip
- rabies vaccination
- distemper vaccination
- eartip
- treat for intestinal parasites
- treat for fleas and earmites
- minor wound care

Almost always untamable, feral cats brought to animal shelters typically are euthanized or live out their lives in cages, unadoptable due to their fear of humans. Feral cat colonies under the care of a compassionate caretaker can live good lives in the only place they have known as home – their outdoor habitat.



The free-roaming cat you see walking down your street may belong to a neighbor who believes letting it outside is a good thing. The cat you see hiding under a porch, feeding at a restaurant dumpster, or scurrying into a pile of wood at the back of your property belongs to another group of outdoor residents – feral and stray cats. This latter group of cats has generally been ignored in community solutions to pet over-population. **Trap-Neuter-Return** has been proven to effectively and humanely control their populations while improving their quality of life.

What is a feral cat?

Whether they were once a house cat that has become lost, or they were born on the street, a feral cat is a cat that now lives its entire life outside with little or no contact with humans. They have lost the effects of domestication and are afraid of humans. They form close knit colonies and generally live in a specific small territory. If they have not been sterilized, they will breed and the population quickly grows.

Eradication hasn't worked.

Trap and kill has been the traditional method for managing feral cat over-population. This method has not worked because

it is a short-term and very costly solution. And, as soon as the cats are removed, new cats join the colony and those that remain over-breed to fill the void.



and vaccinations. The cats are then returned to their original colony to be monitored by these citizens who provide food and shelter for the life of the colony. The quality of life for these cats is improved and nuisance behaviors associated with breeding are eliminated. Every effort is made to remove adoptable kittens and social adults for adoption.

Be a part of the solution.

Spay or neuter your pets. Keep your cats safe at home. Do not abandon your pets.

TNR works.

Through Trap-Neuter-Return, compassionate caretakers help trap feral cats for sterilization



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