



Lower Your Animal Control Costs through TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN

BENEFITS OF TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (“TNR”) PROGRAM

Lower admissions = Tax Dollar Savings

Fewer cats entering Shelter results in a <u>reduction of costs</u> associated with:	Benefits to Animals at a Shelter if fewer admissions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• kennel space• cat food• vaccines• cat litter• spay-neuter expenses• medical care expenses<ul style="list-style-type: none">eg. deworming flea treatments antibiotics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• less overcrowding = less disease• more staff/volunteer attention• <u>more resources</u> for other areas<ul style="list-style-type: none">eg. dog and cat grooming at shelter dog walking; dog training at shelter funds for upgrading facilities funds for school and public education programs and campaigns

A Trap/Neuter/Return Program **reduces future animal shelter costs** by reducing constant admission of feral cats and kittens. Adult feral cats **do not increase shelter numbers** because, after recovery from spay/neuter surgery, they are returned to their original location. They are not social with humans and prefer to live outdoors.

No pound facility jobs need to be lost because of lower intake numbers. Job descriptions can be redefined to accommodate new opportunities opening. eg. re-trained to be animal groomers, dog rehab trainers, community education outreach staff.

DO THE MATH !

CURRENT OPERATING COSTS
WITHOUT TNR PROGRAM

VS

INVESTMENT COST TO SHELTER
WITH TNR PROGRAM

<p>STANDARD OPERATING COST TO SHELTER WHEN CAT ENTERS POUND FACILITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cat held at facility 4 – 7 days (depending on impound contract bylaw); needs kennel space and staff • cat requires daily food and litter; • euthanasia drug cost and disposal if cat not claimed within impound contract time (ferals will not be claimed) 	<p>= \$ _____ per day</p> <p>= \$ _____ per day</p> <p>= \$ _____ per cat</p>	<p>INVESTMENT COST TO SHELTER WITH FERAL TNR PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spay or neuter and one vaccination <p>(*ask all area vet clinics to participate with low-cost <u>community</u> discount)</p>	<p>= \$ _____ per cat</p>
<p>TOTAL COST PER FERAL CAT</p>	<p>= \$ _____</p>	<p>TOTAL COST PER FERAL CAT</p>	<p>= \$ _____</p>
<p>With no TNR program then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>continuous</u> flow of feral cats and kittens as they constantly reproduce • AND killing of healthy but unadoptable cats 	<p>= \$ _____ X forever</p> <p>= \$ _____ X forever</p>	<p>With a TNR program then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO more kittens and gradual reduction of adult feral cats in community through attrition • AND NO KILLING of healthy but unadoptable cats = more community support! 	<p>No further costs</p>