

Community Cat TNVR (Trap - Neuter - Vaccinate - Return) Program

A program in which community (also known as feral) cats are humanely trapped, spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies, given a tipped ear, and then returned to their colony to live out their lives. TNVR involves a caretaker who provides food, adequate shelter and monitoring of the cats' health. TNVR has been shown to be the least costly and most efficient and humane way of stabilizing feral cat populations.

All community cats must be brought in for surgery in a feral cat trap like this one:



Community (Feral) Cats are assumed to be wild. Therefore our medical staff does not give a pre-exam to these cats. They are given a sedative while still in the trap, before being removed to be prepped for surgery.

We have these traps available for rent at our facility

What is the difference between a stray cat and a community cat?

Community cats are the "wild" offspring of once domesticated cats. Community (feral) cats do not trust humans and can't be handled. A "stray" cat is a lost pet that is friendly and can be handled. It is unfortunate that these cats have been left to fend for themselves. Our goal is to work with caretakers in our community to sterilize the cats and to eventually reduce the number of community cats through attrition.



Why does the cat get its ear tipped?

To properly identify it from a distance. Anyone who sees the cat in the neighborhood can tell it has been fixed and vaccinated. If it gets trapped again, it can be released without further examination.

If you do not want your cat's ear tipped, it must be a tame cat and registered for surgery as a "Pet Cat"

The Community Cat Package includes surgery, vaccinations, and ear-tipping. The fee is all-inclusive.

Pet Cats are delivered in carriers (NOT traps) and will receive services that are selected & priced separately.