



PRESENTATION HANDOUT

Thank you for your interest in what we do! Here is a tad bit more info on us, websites that are listed in the presentation plus additional ones, and our contact info and how you can get involved.

Mission: To improve the lives of feral, stray, and abandoned cats on the Mendocino Coast.

Purpose & Programs: To reduce the overpopulation and suffering of cats by means of Trap-Neuter-Return, barn cat placement, socializing feral born kittens, rescuing cats in need, and adoption. To serve as a source of information and education regarding the well being of companion and community cats.

Data: We incorporated in 2017... Since then, we've done a lot of work!

TNRs: 152

Barn Cat Placement: 98

Rescued & Adopted: 226 *

Total Hands-On Reach: 476

*Includes those currently in our foster care & those we sent through MCHS for adoption

How you can help:

- If you have cats that are not fixed, please make use of low cost veterinary services and funding assistance programs.

Eileen Hawthorne Fund: 707-969-7877

Mendocino Coast Humane Society: 707-964-7729

- **Volunteer:** We need more people for our TNR Team and Barn Cat Team. If interested, please call 707-969-7781 or email coastcatproject@gmail.com
- Donations are tax deductible and can be made via mail, on our website, or at our shop
- Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/C7CUQUH0021/ref=cm_go_nav_hz

Contact Us: 707-969-7781
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Weds - Sat 11am - 5pm

LINKS

- **That community cat that roams around your neighborhood? There's a law for that. - Florida**
<https://www.tampabay.com/florida/2019/04/23/that-community-cat-that-roams-around-your-neighborhood-theres-a-law-for-that/?fbclid=IwAR2k7CvyMNBOGNzoDom2Y2U8r-3yYysVy3XHFGyD1Sv9oQ5gJonXJ6vntns>
- **San Francisco - City wide TNR support and efforts:**
<https://www.sfanimalcare.org/services/feral-cat-trapping/>
<https://hoodline.com/2017/03/as-kitten-season-dawns-sf-renews-efforts-to-quell-feral-cats/>
- **Burlington County offers Support for Towns using TNR Program:**
<https://patch.com/new-jersey/cinnaminson/burlington-county-offers-support-towns-use-tnr-program>
- **TNR Promoted by Sonoma County Website:**
<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Animal-Services/Spay-and-Neuter/About-Trap-Neuter-Release/>
- **Project Bay Cat - Foster City, CA:**
<http://www.homelesscatnetwork.com/project-bay-cat.html>
- **D.C. Animal care and control codes:**
<https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/8-1802.html>
- **Delaware City latest town to adopt 'trap-neuter-return' for feral cats:**
<https://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/local/2014/02/14/delaware-city-latest-town-to-adopt-trap-neuter-return-for-feral-cats/5499283/>
- **Bergen County, NJ Animal Shelter's TNR Program Saves Lives, But Does Not Protect All Animals:** <https://njanimalobserver.wordpress.com/tag/tnr/>

OTHER LINKS:

- **Frontiers Journal Article with Faunalytics Survey Results:**
<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fvets.2018.00341/full>
- **Humane Cat Deterrents:**
<https://www.alleycat.org/community-cat-care/humane-deterrents/>
- **Species Eradication Backfires Big Time:**
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/species-eradication-backfires-big-time/>
- **An Examination of an Iconic Trap-Neuter-Return Program: The Newburyport, Massachusetts Case Study:**
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5704110/>
- **The Vacuum Effect: Why Catch and Kill Doesn't Work:**
<https://www.alleycat.org/resources/the-vacuum-effect-why-catch-and-kill-doesnt-work/>

Published case studies on TNR Effectiveness:

2006–2007: Alachua County, Florida

Researchers documented a 66 percent decrease in shelter intake of cats from a “target” zip code of focused TNR efforts, compared with a 12 percent decrease from the rest of the county. Shelter deaths for cats coming from the target area decreased by 95 percent over the same period, compared with a 30 percent decrease observed in the rest of the county. ¹

1998–2005: Randolph County, North Carolina

A 36 percent average decrease in population among six sterilized colonies was observed in the first two years. Three unsterilized colonies experienced an average 47 percent increase over the same period. ² A four-year follow-up census found that one colony had been reduced from 10 cats to none. At seven years, another colony originally containing 10 cats had been reduced to one cat. ³

2000–2001: Rome, Italy

A survey of caretakers (caring for 103 cat colonies) revealed a 22 percent decrease overall in the number of cats, despite a 21 percent rate of “cat immigration.” Although some colonies experienced initial increases, the numbers began to decrease significantly after three years of TNR. “Colonies neutered three, four, five or six years before the survey showed progressive decreases of 16, 29, 28 and 32 percent, respectively.” ⁴

2010–2013: San Jose, California

Four years after implementing its return-to-field program, San Jose Animal Care and Services observed a 29 percent decrease in feline intake and a decrease in shelter killing from over 70 percent of intakes in 2009 to 23 percent in 2014.” ⁵

1991–2002: University of Central Florida (Orlando, Florida)

A campus TNR program led to the adoption of nearly half (47 percent) of the 155 cats living on campus over an 11-year observation period. In 2002, just 23 cats remained on campus.⁶ (Some critics of TNR suggest that the large number of adoptions documented in this study are somehow “cheating” or misrepresenting TNR’s effectiveness. But such critiques fail to acknowledge the obvious: Without the TNR program, these kittens would likely have remained intact and soon would have been contributing to the local population.)

1992–2009: Newburyport, Massachusetts

After many years of TNR efforts, the last of the famous “wharf cats” died in December 2009. According to both Alley Cat Allies and the local paper, this colony once included something like 300 cats.⁷ (A 1996 story in the Boston Herald describes “an estimated 200 wild, roaming cats.” ⁸)

¹ Levy, J. K., Isaza, N. M. & Scott, K. C. Effect of high-impact targeted trap-neuter-return and adoption of community cats on cat intake to a shelter. *The Veterinary Journal* 201, 269–274 (2014).

² Stoskopf, M. K. & Nutter, F. B. Analyzing approaches to feral cat management — one size does not fit all. *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* 225, 1361–1364 (2004).

³ Nutter, F. B. Evaluation of a *Trap-Neuter-Return Management Program for Feral Cat Colonies: Population Dynamics, Home Ranges, and Potentially Zoonotic Diseases*. Doctor of Philosophy, North Carolina State University (2005).

⁴ Natoli, E. et al. Management of feral domestic cats in the urban environment of Rome (Italy). *Preventive Veterinary Medicine* 77, 180–185 (2006).

⁵ Johnson, K. L. & Cicirelli, J. Study of the effect on shelter cat intakes and euthanasia from a shelter neuter return project of 10,080 cats from March 2010 to June 2014. *PeerJ* 2, e646 (2014).

⁶ Levy, J. K., Gale, D. W. & Gale, L. A. Evaluation of the effect of a long-term trap-neuter-return and adoption program on a free-roaming cat population. *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* 222, 42–46 (2003).

⁷ Katzman, K. C. Port’s last wharf cat dies. *The Daily News of Newburyport* (Newburyport, Mass., 2010).

⁸ Donlan, A. E. North Shore cat-lovers go ... where the wild things are. *Boston Herald* (Boston, Mass., 1996).