

HUMANE TNR PRACTICES

1. Sign up at catstats.org/yuma and wait for our e-mail to schedule surgeries for your cats. After scheduling, you will receive a confirmation e-mail for your surgery slots.
 2. All traps are to be labeled with the trapper or caretakers name, phone number and trapping location. All surgeries need to be scheduled before you trap the cats.
 3. Make sure that there are no anthills near the traps and please place only one cat per trap.
 4. Do not attempt to hold the cats, if a bite occurs we are required by law to quarantine the animal for 10 days.
 5. Traps need to be thoroughly disinfected between each use. You will need a brush to scrub, bleach and water. Use a 1/10 ratio. For a 1/10 dilution, you should add 1 cup of bleach to 1 gallon of water. Or ¼ cup to 32 oz. of water.
- Remember that bleach can burn. You should avoid exposing yourself and the cats to the fumes, and people should wear gloves and masks. Also, be sure there is adequate ventilation when using it.
6. Every cat will be sterilized, given a rabies vaccine & FVRCP, ear tip (on left ear), extended release pain medication (lasts for 3 days) and medication if injury/illness is life threatening. Additional vaccines, medication and microchips can be administered upon request.
 7. Please update your catstats.org/yuma account after returning your cat to its home.

*Once you sign up and register your colony with the link above, you will be placed on the waiting list. A Humane Society of Yuma staff member will then contact you, via email, WHEN a surgery spot is available.

Don't like cats in your yard? Please call or email us for details on humane deterrents to keep them out.
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OF YUMA**
Save one until there are none.

A tipped left ear is the
universal sign that a
community cat has been
altered.

IT TAKES A
COMMUNITY



**PROTECTING OUR
COMMUNITY CATS**

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CAT?

Community cats are unowned cats who live outdoors in virtually every landscape on every continent where people live. However, community cats, also called feral cats, are generally not socialized - or friendly - to people. They live full, healthy lives with their feline families (called colonies) in their outdoor homes.

HOW TO DETERMINE IF A CAT IS AN OWNED PET OR IS A COMMUNITY CAT?

If a cat is found/trapped outside and DOES NOT have any identification (i.e. a collar, identification tag or a microchip), the Humane Society of Yuma categorizes it as a community cat. Behavior is not a determining factor, because in a trap or shelter kennel, stress levels are high for any cat, owned/friendly or wild.

WHAT IS TNR?

Trap - Neuter - Return, or TNR, is a method of managing community cat colonies humanely and effectively. Community cats are trapped in humane cages using food as bait. They are then spayed or neutered and returned where they were originally trapped. We are able to continue to track these colonies because a cat that has gone through the TNR process will have the tip of his/her ear "tipped" off. That way if a cat is ever re-caught for TNR, he/she can be returned and will in-turn save precious resources. These cats will also be vaccinated for many feline diseases including rabies.

WHY SHOULD I SUPPORT TNR?

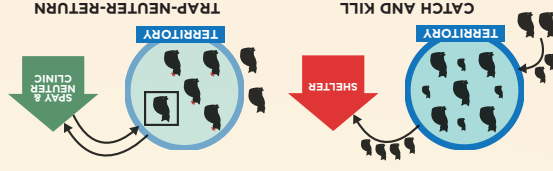
When community cats are trapped, neutered and returned to their territory, they no longer reproduce. The cessation of sexual activity eliminates the noise associated with mating behavior and dramatically reduces fighting and the noise it causes. Neutered community cats also roam much less and become less visible and less prone to injury from cars. Foul odors are greatly reduced as well because neutered male cats no longer produce testosterone, which, when they are unaltered, mixes with their urine and causes the strong, pungent smell of their spraying. When the colony is then monitored by a caretaker who removes and/or TNRs any newly arrived cats, the population stabilizes and gradually declines over time.

DOES HSOY TNR CATS WHO ARE NICE?

YES, with over 2,193 cats entering our shelter annually, it is imperative that we move cats out of the shelter very quickly and put them back in their native environment. These cats have been living in these areas for quite some time so we know that someone has been caring for them.

THE VACUUM EFFECT

Catch and kill is a costly, endless, and inhumane cycle of controlling community cat colonies. Trap-Neuter-Return on the other hand, stabilizes, and humanely manages community cat populations.



IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO RESOLVE A COMMUNITY ISSUE

BENEFITS OF SPAY/NEUTER:

- Prevents unwanted litters.
- Saves taxpayer money by keeping cats out of municipal shelters.
- Decreases the number of cats dying in shelters.
- Improves the health of outdoor cats.
- Minimizes nuisance behaviors like spraying, fighting, howling and roaming.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Please tell us about stray cats with no ear-tip who need spaying or neutering.
- Register your colony at catstats.org/yuma.
- Call us to volunteer or to learn how you can feed and care for community cats.

WHAT ABOUT KITTENS?

The Humane Society of Yuma tries very hard not to TNR kittens who are tame. HSOY will take those kittens and do our best to place them into foster care if there are no kennels open at the shelter. Cats live long healthy lives in homes, the shelter setting is not always the best place for them. HSOY has the best interest of these cats and all cats in mind when making decisions about their future.

GOAL: TO SAVE LIVES

The GOAL of the Humane Society of Yuma is to save lives through TNR. In 2020 of the 2,193 cats that entered the shelter, only 24 cats were returned to their owners. That says that the majority of the cats that entered the shelter were community cats who were used to living on the streets. Additionally, it is widely known that Americans let their cats outside, that being said, when their cat is altered and returned we are able to put the cat right back where it came from and eliminate the possibility that the cat will reproduce.

