

What is Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR)?

What makes a cat feral?

Feral cats are born outdoors and have never been handled by humans. Due to their lack of socialization and fear of people, they are considered wild and cannot be adopted. As a result, they are routinely euthanized in many animal shelters.

How Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) Works:

TNR is the process of humanely trapping feral cats, sterilizing (spaying or neutering) so they cannot reproduce, and vaccinating them. They are also “ear-tipped,” to signify that they have been part of a TNR project, and then returned to the same location in which they were living.

Feral cats often have caregivers who monitor the colony cats.

TNR is known to:

- Stabilize the population of feral cats
- Reduce shelter euthanasia rates
- Improve the overall health of feral cat colonies
- End undesirable behaviors displayed by unaltered cats