

- ✓ all cats are vaccinated against rabies, thus protecting the public's health and eliminating any concern of feral cats transmitting rabies to humans
- ✓ nuisance behavior associated with unaltered cats stops, resulting in less complaints and happier neighbors

**As you can see,  
TNR is the only  
workable solution.**

### What will Project TNR do?

As a community-based organization advocating for animals in New Jersey since 1983, we:

\* Field calls from **individuals who are not fond of the cats**, address their concerns and proactively work to resolve the problem

\* Work with **those who want to help the cats** but don't know where to start. We provide resources and guidance on how to contain and reduce the feral cat population in your neighborhood.

**But, we can only do this if you contact us.**



**JOIN the Project TNR Caregiver Nexus!** This is a group of New Jersey feral cat caregivers who are connected to other caregivers in their area. The Nexus helps caregivers stay informed about what is happening throughout New Jersey for feral cats and provides members with a valuable resource for information, training, funding and municipal advocacy. Joining is free! Contact us today.



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*The goal of Project TNR, a program of New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance, is to introduce Trap-Neuter-Return to communities as the humane, effective and cost-effective method of controlling feral cat populations. Trap-Neuter-Return is a comprehensive program that will result in lower animal control costs, fewer to no births, reduction of nuisance complaints by residents and the alleviation of public health concerns.*



**LOVE CATS?  
HATE CATS?**

The answer is the same...

**NEW JERSEY'S HUMANE SOLUTION**

**TNR**

Groups of cats. You see them everywhere—behind strip malls and restaurants, at Turnpike rest stops, in public parks and in urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods.

Maybe you like seeing the cats. Perhaps you even feed them. Or, maybe you don't like the cats and wish they were gone. Either way, as we say, ***“Love ‘em or hate ‘em, the only solution is TNR.”***

**Make Project TNR  
your first call,  
not Animal Control**

### What is TNR?

TNR stands for Trap-Neuter-Return, the only method proven to be humane and effective at controlling feral cat population growth. Using this technique, all cats in a colony (the term used to describe a groups of cats



living in one area) are trapped, spayed or neutered (altered) and vaccinated. Feral cats are returned to their territory where caregivers provide them with regular food and shelter and lifelong care. Young kittens as well as friendly adults, are placed in foster care and eventually adopted out to good homes.

### Who is a feral cat?

A "feral" cat is one who has reverted in some degree to a wild state. They originate from domestic cats who were lost or abandoned and then learned to live outdoors in environments involving little human contact.



### Why don't other options work?

We all know, if we ignore the cats they will continue to breed and their numbers will increase. This is not a good situation for people nor is it a healthy one for the cats. Male cats fight other males for their territory often sustaining serious injuries. Females are compromised from constantly being pregnant, giving birth and nursing. Kittens have a tougher time outside than adults and can be prey to other animals. The cats are not immunized against disease, so an unaltered colony is often a sickly colony.

Often it is suggested that the cats be trapped by animal control and removed. While this may appear to solve the problem, it won't. As long as there is a food source, intentional or otherwise, there will always be cats who will wander in, find the area agreeable and stay. And they too will breed. Also, those cats who are removed and brought to an animal shelter will most certainly be killed as they are unsocialized to people and not good candidates for adoption. Bringing feral cats to a shelter is a guaranteed death sentence.



**Ignoring it  
is NOT a  
solution.**

**Trap and  
Remove is  
NOT a solution.**

### What are the benefits of a TNRred colony?

- ✓ the cats are healthier (because they are vaccinated and altered)
- ✓ the population stops exploding (because they are altered)
- ✓ initially there is a reduction in the numbers (as friendly cats and kittens are taken out for adoption)
- ✓ over time the number of cats in the neighborhood drops
- ✓ an established colony protects its territory from new cats—the rate of new cats appearing slows dramatically when the colony is managed