

**Project TNR**  
*NJ's Humane Solution for Feral Cats*



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## Support for TNR

Trap-Neuter-Return, or “TNR”, is the only method proven to be humane and effective for controlling feral cat population growth. Using this technique, all cats in a colony are trapped, neutered and vaccinated. Feral cats are then returned to their territory where caregivers provide them with regular food and shelter. Young kittens who can still be socialized, as well as friendly adults, are placed in foster care and eventually adopted out to good homes.

TNR has many advantages. It immediately stabilizes the size of the colony by eliminating new litters. The nuisance behavior often associated with feral cats is dramatically reduced including the yowling and fighting that come with mating activity and the odor of unneutered males spraying to mark their territory. Particularly in urban areas, the cats continue to provide natural rodent control.

TNR is endorsed as an acceptable or preferred method of feral cat management by:

- The National Animal Control Association
- The New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services
- The NJ Governor’s Task Force on Animal Welfare
- Over 100 New Jersey municipalities
- The Humane Society of the United States
- The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)
- Multiple academic studies

Project TNR can provide copies of these endorsements.

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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.