

What is TNR?

Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) is a humane, non-lethal method of controlling free-roaming cat populations. TNR operations include:

- Education and continued support in the community.
- Assessment and targeted mass-trapping of cats.
- A licensed veterinarian evaluates, spays & neuters, ear tips and vaccinates the cats.
- Cats are released to their original habitat. Young kittens and friendly cats may be able to be fostered for socialization (getting cats used to humans).



TNR is endorsed by the ASPCA as the only proven humane and effective method to manage community cat colony populations.

Good Samaritans in communities help to provide food, water, shelter and medical care for community cats. Maintaining the health of spayed & neutered free-roaming cats in a community is vital to the process of continuing to reduce the cat population in a community over the long-term.

What is a Free-Roaming Cat?

Free-roaming cats are found outdoors in a community, typically forming a colony focused near available food and shelter resources and may include cats from some or all of the following groups:

- Locally Owned Cats** (allowed outdoors)
- Stray Cats** (unowned, abandoned or lost)
Varied socialization (how friendly are they?)
- Feral Cats**
Unsocialized (fearful or wild near humans)

Interested in getting involved?

Know someone who needs help?

Please Contact Us!

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Spay-Neuter-Now, Ltd. (SNN) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to putting a dent into companion animal overpopulation.

Since 1994, SNN has performed or assisted in over **19,000** spays & neuters of North Country cats & dogs!

Spay-Neuter-Now spay/neuter and educational programs depend upon donations, fundraisers and grants.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to:

**Spay-Neuter-Now
PO Box 802
Canton, NY 13617**

Community TNR

(Trap-Neuter-Release)

Of Free-Roaming Cats



Spay-Neuter-Now

Education & Prevention

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Providing Aid For:

Income-Qualified Households

**Caretakers of Stray, Feral,
Barn, Colony & Unowned Cats**

Step-By-Step Starting TNR in Your Community

1. Search for TNR programs in your area.

- Local animal nonprofits and organizations?
- Local veterinary clinics?

2. Count & assess the cats in your community.

- Are there local caretakers of free-roaming cats?
- Where are these colonies located?
- How many cats at each colony?
- How many cats are young kittens (<12 weeks)?
- How many cats are kittens (12 weeks – 6 months)?
- How many cats are at breeding age (>6 months)?
- Known health issues in each colony?
- Are any cats socialized (friendly)?

3. Coordinate with your veterinary provider.

- How many cats can they spay/neuter each day?
- What supplies or equipment will you need to trap?
- What fees, discounts and services are available?
- Medical decision policies?
- How to trap and prepare for pre-surgical and post-surgical care of cats?

4. Identify your needs and create a plan.

- How many cats need assistance?
- Volunteers and personnel needed?
- Funding required? Donations, fundraisers, grants?
- Date(s) and backup date(s) to perform trapping?
- Regional complications (weather, temperature)?
- Transportation? Holding and recovery area?

5. Prepare supplies, equipment and community.

- Inform your community about TNR and your plan.
- Promote animal identification in your community (microchipping, collars with contact information).
- Perform fundraising, apply for grants, etc.
- Purchase necessary supplies and equipment.
- Train volunteers and personnel involved.
- Arrange date(s) with your veterinary provider.
- Arrange transportation, holding and recovery areas.

6. Execute your plan.

7. Continue to reevaluate steps above.

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Spay-Neuter-Now highly recommends reading the detailed Guide to Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and Colony Care, available here:

<http://www.aspcapro.org/sites/default/files/TNR%20workshop%20handbook%20printable%20final-4th%20printing.pdf>

Ear Tipping



Ear tipping is the removal of a ¼ inch of the tip of the left ear under anesthesia during the spay/neuter procedure. Ear tipping is an industry standard to identify free-roaming cats as spayed/neutered.

Why Spay/Neuter?

The overpopulation of cats and dogs across the nation far exceeds the available resources of shelters and animal organizations to help every animal. It is not a problem that can resolve itself and you cannot adopt your way out of this issue!

By spaying/neutering you can significantly reduce risks of certain diseases (cancer, pyometra) and reduce the risk of some undesirable behaviors (marking, aggression), especially if done before they reach puberty at 6 months old.

What is Spaying/Neutering?

Spaying and neutering is the surgical removal of the reproductive organs. This surgery requires general anesthesia performed by licensed veterinary professionals to remove the uterus & ovaries (spay) or the testicles (neuter).

Spaying and neutering is the only 100% effective method to prevent litters in free-roaming cats.

Pediatric spay/neuter training, techniques and procedures have been developed to perform safe surgeries for cats and dogs as young as 6-16 weeks old. Most cats & dogs become reproductively active by 6 months of age.

For more information on the Veterinary Medical Care Guidelines for Spay-Neuter programs from The Association of Shelter Veterinarians, please visit:

www.sheltervet.org

Spay-Neuter-Now Program Info

Applications

For Spay-Neuter-Now programs, clients need to fill out an application, including a copy of their household proof of income and caretakers of owned cats should include a description of their situation.

Mobile & MASH Clinic

Spay-Neuter-Now operates a subsidized, high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter surgical unit (Neuter Commuter II) run by licensed veterinary professionals. This program operates at centralized host locations and specializes in spay/neuter.



Partnering Vet Clinics

Spay-Neuter-Now has partnerships with Town & Country Veterinary Clinic (Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Massena) and with Little Friends Veterinary Services (Lyons Falls) to provide subsidized spay/neuter services at a similar price to our mobile clinic.

Flat Fee Packages

All packages include the presurgical physical, spay/neuter surgery, pain management, rabies and distemper vaccinations and a check/treatment for ear mites and fleas for cats & dogs >12 weeks old.

Cats: \$70.00

Dogs: \$100 - \$160
(Depending on Weight)