

# S.O.S.

Support Options Solutions

For Keeping Animals Out of Shelters



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## TRAP NEUTER RETURN (TNR)

**Good for our community! Good for cats!**

Trap Neuter Return is a process in which feral cats are humanely trapped and sterilized by veterinarians. After recovery, they are released back to the EXACT location in which they were trapped. Not only does TNR put an end to the cycle of breeding, removing cats merely opens up territory for new ones to move in. This is known as the 'vacuum effect'. Feral cats are not adoptable and are likely destroyed when turned in to shelters. TNR is the most

humane and ONLY proven effective long term solution in reducing feral cat populations.

If you or someone in your neighborhood is looking for ways to keep community cats off of their property, please consider this lengthy list of options for Humane Cat Deterrents- on No Kill Pima County website TNR page.

### **The Pima Animal Care Center's Community Cat Program**

Pima Animal Care Center has a locally funded Community Cat Trap Neuter Return Program. Consider calling or writing as a point of contact for questions regarding free-roaming neighborhood cats, humane trap loan, information on participating no or low-cost clinics for spay/neuter of feral and Community Cats and assistance with trapping and transport. email: [CommunityCats@pima.gov](mailto:CommunityCats@pima.gov) or call 520-724-5983.

### **FREE SPAY/NEUTER for FERAL CATS (in traps)**

#### **Humane Society of Southern Arizona**

TNR is by appointment only. If you are trapping yourself, please call our clinic at 520-881-0321 to determine surgery availability based upon your planned trapping schedule. If you need assistance with trapping and transport, or need to borrow traps, you can contact and coordinate with the Community Cat Program at [communitycats@hssaz.org](mailto:communitycats@hssaz.org) or call 520-327-6088 x186. More info available here: [www.HSSAZ.org/TNR](http://www.HSSAZ.org/TNR)

#### **Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic**

FREE Feral cat spay and neuter Monday-Friday. **There are various dates each month that don't have surgery available** so do make sure they will be open a day or two before you set traps. And as instructed below- call before bringing any to the clinic. Not available to Marana/Sahuarita residents.

How it works: Drop off in a secure trap or kennel between 9am-11am and pick up the next day at 9am. Surgery includes Spay/Neuter, PRC & Rabies vaccine, fluids, left ear tip to prove sterilization, and any medical treatments that are deemed necessary by the doctor.

Donations are greatly appreciated. If immediate medical attention is needed and falls outside of the drop off time please contact clinic before arriving. 5408 S. 12th Ave. 520- 889-9643

### **Spay and Neuter Solutions**

Apply for certificates for free spay/neuter for feral cats by completing the application on the SNS' website or call (520) 247-6469 and let them know which of the partnering clinics you want to use. Then contact the clinic before you start trapping for instructions on bringing in the trapped cats(s) as they understand you will not be able to make an "appointment" to do so. (SNS also serves colony caretakers out of Pima County).

## **Trap Loan Resources**

**Don't trap without a plan!**

**TO HELP YOU PLAN: see Tucson TNR Advocates Resources**

There is no cost to borrow traps, although each organization has a trap loan agreement and requires a per trap deposit that is refunded when the traps are returned.

To borrow humane traps for the purposes of TNR contact the following resources:

Humane Society of Southern Arizona (520) 327-6088 x 186

Pima Animal Care Center (520) 724- 5983 or [CommunityCats@pima.gov](mailto:CommunityCats@pima.gov)

Hermitage Cat Shelter: (520) 571-7839

Pawsitively Cats (520) 289-2747

Spay and Neuter Solutions (520) 323-2221

The Last Resort (520) 792-9290

Tucson CARES (520) 990-8912

Tucson Feral Coalition (520) 256-0443 and check their website for more helpful TNR details <http://tucsonferalcat.org/>

LOVAR in Oro Valley (520) 979-2282

## **Other resources for feral cats TNR**

Green Valley Paws Patrol for more information call 520- 207-4024

Arizona Spay and Neuter 4 W. Grant for more information call 520-624-5005