

# TRAP, NEUTER, AND RETURN (TNR)



## WHAT IS TNR AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



There are around 70 million feral community cats in the US. TNR is the act of humanely trapping these cats and spaying or neutering them while also giving them medical care. Once they are recovered they are returned back to the area they were found in.

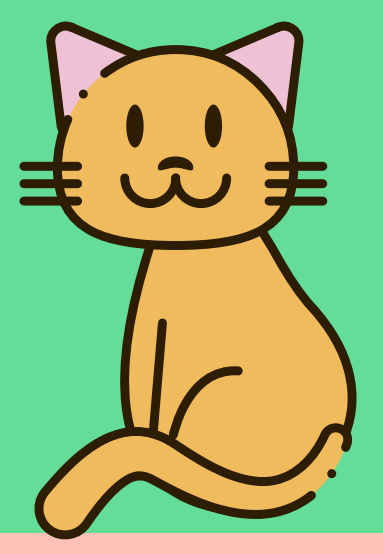
This helps to reduce the population of feral community cats while also providing care to them while they live their lives out in their territories.



## 1.) TRAPPING



TNR program volunteers will go out and humanely trap cats in the colonies. These cats are then transported to a facility where they are housed before they are neutered or spayed.



## 2.) NEUTERING/SPAYING



After they are humanely trapped and transported, they are neutered/spayed by a veterinarian. They also receive medical care for any injuries or illnesses they may have. They also vaccinated. The cats are then monitored by veterinarians and volunteers until they are completely awake and ready to be returned.

## 3.) RETURNING

Once the cats are awake and recovering well, they are released back into the care of volunteers and/or members of the community. After they are recovered they are returned to the areas they were trapped in and released to live out their day. A cat with the tip of their left ear missing is a sign that they are neutered/spayed.

Check out Operation Catnip! Students and Veterinarians of OSU CVM and also members of the Stillwater community come together once a month during the school year to provide a TNR program to the community and surrounding areas.

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