

Ready to Fix Your Felines?

Please call ACHS for help!
(802) 388-1100

Through our Feral Cat Outreach Program ACHS can provide volunteer assistance, traps, equipment, and can even cover the cost of the spay/neuter surgeries and initial vaccinations including a rabies shot.

To take part in this program the group of cats must be within Addison County and must have a responsible adult committed to feeding and monitoring them.

Please contact ACHS and we will put you in touch with our volunteer program coordinator to add you to our trapping schedule. Please keep in mind that all of the trapping is done by volunteers and is scheduled according to the availability of spay/neuter appointments. As this program is funded entirely by donations, we greatly appreciate any contribution you can make to help cover costs.

Please call (802) 388-1100 or email shelter@addisonhumane.org for more information.



Want to Help?

Volunteer!

Volunteers are needed to help with trapping, transportation, and promotion.

Donate!

It costs \$35 to \$40 to have one cat spayed/neutered and vaccinated. The more donations we receive, the more cats we can "fix." Please send a check to ACHS and write "Feral Cats" in the memo.

Please contact the shelter for more information. 388-1100

We appreciate your support!



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Got Barn Cats?

All over Addison County unaltered feral and barn cats are multiplying at an alarming rate. Farms are often burdened with cat overpopulation. We know it is not uncommon for people to drop off unwanted cats at farms or for stray cats to seek shelter in local barns. The cost of spaying and neutering can make it difficult to control these populations.

The Addison County Humane Society Can Help!

If you are willing to continue feeding and looking after the cats at your barn or the feral cats in your neighborhood, we will provide money for spays and neuters. Volunteers and equipment are also available to help trap cats and transport them to and from a low-cost spay/neuter clinic.

Barn cats are terrific and have a very important job controlling rodents. Spayed and neutered cats are healthier, they fight less, and even smell better!



What is Trap-Neuter-Return?



You've probably seen them gathered in barns, residential areas, or in the parking lots of local businesses—homeless cats who flee from humans. These cats, referred to as “feral,” are the result of both the failure of people to spay or neuter their cats and cat abandonment. **Round-up and killing the victims of such negligence and indifference is NOT an appropriate or effective solution.**

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is an effective, internationally recognized program by which feral cats are trapped, vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and returned to their original location. A volunteer caregiver (often the property owner) feeds the cats on a regular basis, monitors their overall health, and notifies us about any new arrivals. The resultant group of cats is known as a managed feral colony.

The Advantages of TNR

- Spayed/neutered and vaccinated cats are healthier and less likely to fight
- Reduced fighting decreases injuries and the spread of disease
- No more kittens and a gradually falling population
- Reduced odor from cat urine
- Maintained rodent control
- Reduced population of unwanted cats
- Fewer complaints to animal control

TNR is the only humane method of dealing with feral cats!

Why doesn't trap and kill work?

Attempts to trap and kill cats have historically resulted in greater numbers of stray animals than have well-planned TNR programs. TNR, in conjunction with public education, stabilizes numbers and facilitates the eventual elimination of colonies of feral cats. The trap and kill method has traditionally been implemented in spurts. Cats will be trapped for a few weeks and then the area is abandoned. Cats who escaped the traps remain. Moreover, people continue to abandon cats and allow unaltered cats to roam. Without public education and a permanent caregiver to monitor the area, the breeding cycle quickly starts again. Trap and kill has been used for decades and there is still a feral cat overpopulation problem. It is unethical and it does not work.