



# Community Cats

## Who are they and how you can help them!

People all over the world care for outdoor cats every day. Like them, you've discovered cats in your community, and you want to help them. The millions of cats who make their homes outdoors are called community cats. According to The Association of Shelter Veterinarians', "The Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters" community cats are defined as, all outdoor dwelling cats regardless of socialization status; they may be owned, unowned, free-roaming, or feral.

## TNR

The best way you can help community cats is through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). TNR ensures no new kittens are born, stabilizes cat populations, provides vaccines, and improves cats' lives. It also stops the behaviors and stresses associated with mating such as yowling, spraying, and fighting. TNR is practiced across the United States and all over the world. It's considered best practice and is good public policy for community cats.



## Greenhill's TNR Program

Greenhill offers a TNR program for outdoor community cats in colonies with 20 or more cats in Lane County. This program is **NOT** for owned cats.

The fee for TNR services is \$45/cat. This includes spay/neuter surgery, ear-tipping (to permanently identify altered community cats), vaccinations, parasite treatment, and injectable pain medication. Additional financial assistance may be available. If you are unable to afford services, please talk with the TNR coordinator at scheduling.

**For TNR scheduling call 541-689-1503 x 140 or email [TNR@green-hill.org](mailto:TNR@green-hill.org).**

*If you need assistance with a stray cat who does not belong to a colony of 20+ cats, please contact our Feline Receiving Department at 541-689-1503 x 133.*