131,434 Surgeries So Far!

TNR - HELPING COMMUNITY CATS

Did you know that over **80%** of the kittens born in the U.S. today are born outdoors to community cats - stray (lost or abandoned pets) and feral (who are fearful of people and not suitable as pets) cats?

The Humane Society of the US estimates there are 30 to 40 million community cats in the U.S. Locally, SPCA Cincinnati - the Hamilton County shelter - alone took in **3,015** stray cats in 2019. While we have made great progress in preventing unwanted litters in owned pets, there is still much work to do with the community cats in Greater Cincinnati.

The neonatal kittens from these community cats overwhelm local shelters every year because they require 24/7 care. Up to 75% of the poor kittens that don't make it to a shelter or have anyone to care for them live harsh lives outside, suffering from not enough food and water and untreated illnesses and eventually dying.

TNR - trap, neuter, return - is the most humane and effective approach to addressing the community cat overpopulation. TNR improves the lives of the outdoor cats, decreases the size of the cat colonies over time, and is best for the community. It has been scientifically proven that removing the cats or killing them does not work.

If you have community cats in your neighborhood, please bring them to us for **FREE spay/neuter surgery and vaccinations**! Feral cats must come in a humane trap for the safety of our staff and get an ear-tip on their left ear to show people from a distance that they have been sterilized. We accept trapped cats for surgery Monday - Thursday between 8 and 11 a.m.; you pick them up the following morning at 7:30 a.m. and release them back where they were found. if you don't have a trap, we loan out traps for a $50 deposit which you get back when you return the trap.

If you have friendly community strays that you are willing to give a home to and they will become inside cats, we will also provide the surgery or vaccinations for free and not ear-tip the cat. Those cats may be brought in for surgery in a carrier and you can schedule an appointment for them by calling 513-721-7387.

For more information, see www.ucancincinnati.org/tnr/ucan-tnr-policies.

Employee Spotlight
Kate Farrelly, RVT

Kate is one of our awesome Registered Veterinary Technicians! She graduated from Brown Mackie College in August 2015, with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Veterinary Technology.

She loves puppies (which is why she snuggled with this adorable puppy from StrayHaven rescue), and she works very hard every day to ensure the pets get the highest quality of care. She also volunteers at the free vaccine clinics we do in under-resourced neighborhoods in our community because she is so passionate about our mission.

When not at work, she loves spending time with her 5-year old Boxer mix, Zelda.

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