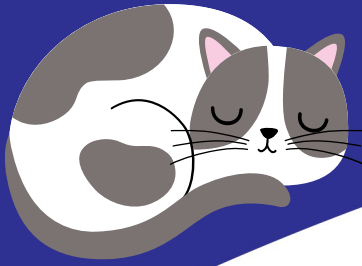
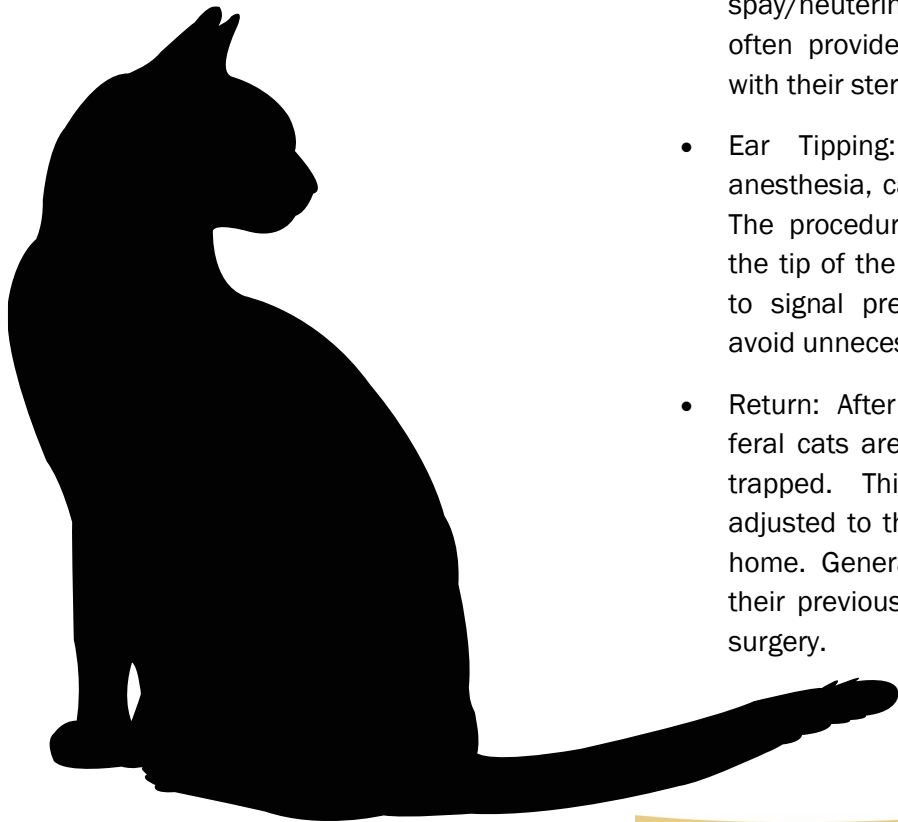


What is TNR all about?

Trap, Neuter and Return is focused on the proper control of the feral cat population through four primary means:

- Population control by permanently reducing the number of cats within an area or region.
- Lessening the number of cats taken into area shelters which in turn lowers euthanasia rates.
- Lowering the spread of diseases amongst the local pet population.
- Returned animals aggregate towards their previous territory and discourage new, unneutered cats from moving into the area.



Stages of TNR

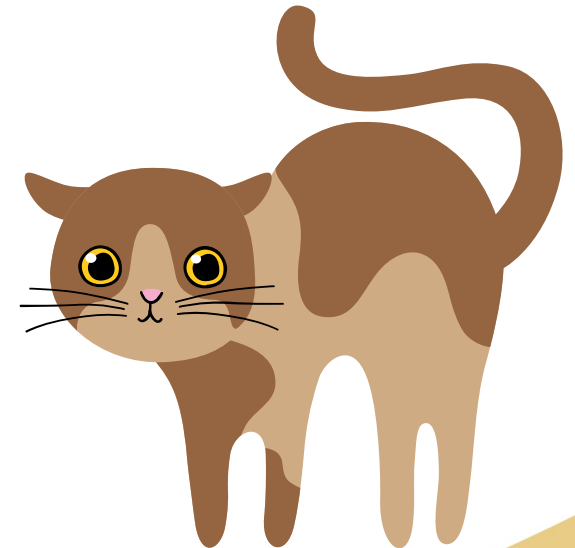
- **Trap:** After adequate preparations, including educating the community about the TNR process, colony cats are trapped using humane methods.
- **Neuter:** The captured cats are brought in their traps to the Hesperia Animal Shelter for spay/neutering. Additionally, TNR cats are often provided vaccinations in conjunction with their sterilization surgery.
- **Ear Tipping:** During surgery and with anesthesia, cats may have their ear tipped. The procedure involves removing 1/4" off the tip of the cat's ear (usually the left ear) to signal previous spay/neutering and to avoid unnecessary future surgeries.
- **Return:** After recovery from their surgery, feral cats are returned to where they were trapped. This allows cats to become adjusted to their previous environment and home. Generally, cats can be returned to their previous homes within 24 hours after surgery.

Additional Benefits of TNR

Studies confirm that once TNR stops reproduction and mating behaviors, the cats' relationship with residents improves.

Colonies become quieter as behaviors like yowling and fighting stop, calls to authorities about the cats decrease significantly, and community morale improves.

Ending breeding cycles still allows cats to live their normal lives. Plus, TNR doesn't cause colonies to disappear overnight—the cats live out their natural lifespans and the colonies slowly decline in population over years.



Barn Cats & Backyard Buddies

The Hesperia Animal Shelter has cats who ideal for barns, sheds, garages, farms, horse stables or other locations with outdoor shelter.

Barn cats, or “backyard buddies”, may be feral, un-socialized or otherwise unsuitable for adoption into a home. They can, however, thrive in a rural setting where they discourage rodents and provide companionship for horses and other farm animals. They are also ideal for suburban locations with shed, garages or other shelter.

If you can provide shelter and a regular supply of food and water, a barn cat or “backyard buddy” may be ideal for you.

Barn cats are \$10 and are vaccinated and spayed or neutered.

Those interested can email rescue@cityofhesperia.us or call (760) 947-1715 for full information.

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