

Community Cat Management Program – Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR)

Neighborhoods Subcommittee
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Agenda

Current Actions / Strategies

- History of Chandler's TNR Program
- Program Overview
- Current Progress
- Impact
- Next Steps
- Remaining Tasks



Chandler's Initial TNR Program

Current Actions / Strategies

Neighborhood Assistance Program - TNR

- Required signatures of 10 residents from that neighborhood
 - Reduced to 4 in 2019
 - Reduced to 2 in 2021
 - Allowed one signature to be from a volunteer rather than resident in 2021
- In 2021, the application process was streamlined by moving from paper to digital applications.
- HOA, apartment complex, condo must have written permission of the management entity.
- City staff processed applications and served as mediator with neighborhoods.
- Worked in conjunction with Animal Defense League of Arizona to trap, spay/neuter, clip, and return feral cats.
- Average of 280 cats spayed/neutered – No reported adoption element



Program Overview

Current Actions / Strategies

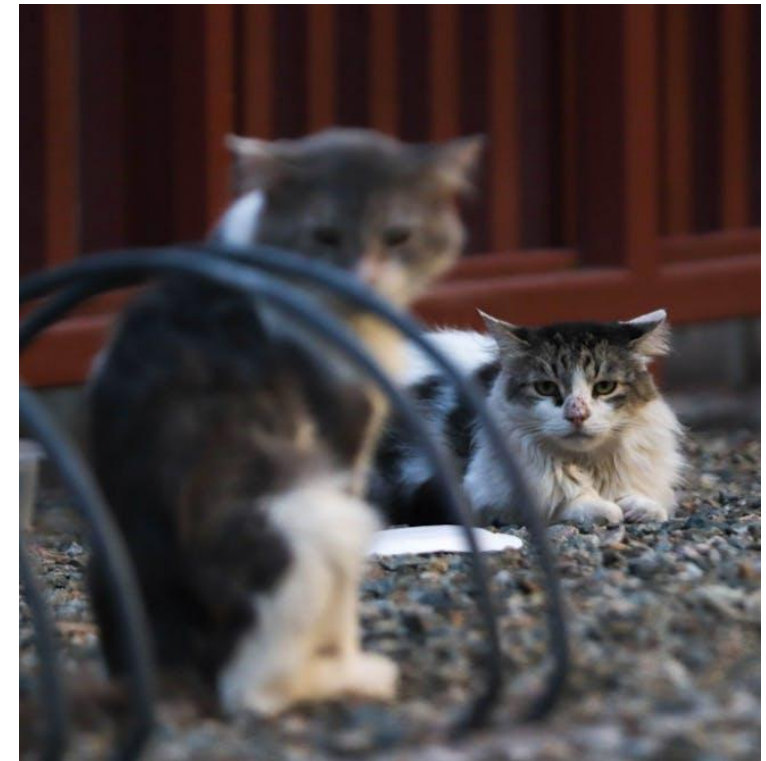
Neighborhoods Subcommittee Meeting

- Date: October 29, 2024
- Council direction: Reach out to our nearby cities for options and to get more data from our contractor as soon as possible

Budget Allocation: \$30,760* for FY 24/25

- Collaborative Partnership: Neighborhood Programs & Saving One Life (SOL)
- Purpose: Humane management of community (feral) cat population
- Implementation: Program evolved based on Council subcommittee and public feedback

*Amount includes carryforward funding of \$760 from FY 23/24



Current Progress

Current Actions / Strategies



Program Improvements:

- Expanded Scope: Now includes commercial properties
- Simplified Participation: Neighborhood registration no longer required
- Conflict Resolution: SOL serves as mediator for TNR-related disagreements
- Enhanced Oversight: Improved billing procedures implemented
- Adoption Data: Now being tracked and reported
- Public Information: Program information is more readily accessible on the City's website

Impact

Current Actions / Strategies

Results Since March 2024:

- 497 cats spayed/neutered
- 63 locations with 57+ neighborhoods served
- Over 200 cats adopted

SOL has participated in multiple City events:

- For Our City Day
- Good Neighbor 101
- Chandler Code Enforcement Academy



Next Steps

Current Actions / Strategies



Amendment of Current Contract:

- SOL has requested funding for more traps
- Expand reporting to include additional data (donations, number of volunteers, etc.)
- Commitment to maintain community benefits
- \$5,000 to be allocated for marketing, educational materials, and instructional videos
- Marketing may include promoting responsible pet ownership
- SOL should seek donations to support the project and report on this data

Remaining Tasks

Current Actions / Strategies

What is left to do?

- \$30,000 funding for next FY and projected impact
 - Funding will maintain current impact
 - Our current partner may be reaching capacity and could be unable to expand into new areas
- New partnership for veterinary services is being developed
- Mobile Clinic –Staff can continue to explore this option



Thank You

Current Actions / Strategies

Questions?

