

**TRAP, NEUTER,
VACCINATE,
RETURN.
(TNVR)**



Community Cats

- On April 17, 2017 the City Commission amended Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for “community cats”.
- A “community cat” is a free roaming cat that
 - Has been sterilized
 - Has been vaccinated
 - Has been microchipped
 - Has had an ear “tipped” to prove it’s status as a community cat.

TNVR Program

- Three veterinarians signed agreements with the City to provide TNVR services.
 - Dr. Dan's – Vero Beach
 - Operation SOS – Fort Pierce
 - Animal Medical Center - Stuart
- We also work with three different local organizations
 - Community Cat Coalition
 - United for Animals
 - Operation CatSnip
- The local organization provide the following services:
 - Identifying locations where TNVR is needed
 - Speaking with the local residents to ensure proper care of the cats
 - Trapping the cats
 - Transporting the cats to / from the veterinarian

TNVR Statistics

- Since the program's inception, 474 cats have been sterilized, vaccinated and returned to their outdoor locations.
- FY 17 (April to September) – 101 cats were processed.
- FY 18 (YTD) – 373 cats were processed.
- Colonies – 37 separate clusters of 5 or more cats were identified located throughout the City.
- 219 male cats were processed
- 255 female cats were processed

TNVR Impact

- 255 female cats were processed
 - The average female cat has 1 – 8 kittens per litter
 - The average female cat has 2 – 3 litters per year
 - Considering this – the average female cat will have approximately 10 kittens every year
- Approximately 2,550 kittens were not born due to TNVR efforts

TNVR Cost

- \$24,644.00 have been paid to the participating veterinarians since the program was initiated.
 - \$10,000.00 of that amount was funded by a grant from the Parry Foundation.
 - The remaining balance has been funded by the City.
 - Additional grant opportunities are being pursued to provide additional funding.
- Each microchip costs \$5.00
 - Microchipping was an added feature after the program was initiated - estimate \$2,000 has been expensed for microchips.



Questions?