



FERAL CAT FACTS

WHAT IS A FERAL CAT?

A feral cat is an unsocialized cat.

Either it was born outside and never lived with humans, or it is a house cat that has strayed from home and over time has thrown off the effects of domestication and reverted to a wild state. Feral cats are not adoptable because they are not socialized to humans.

WHAT IS TNR (TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN)?

Trap – Neuter – Return

This program involves humanely trapping, altering, vaccinating and ear-tipping feral cats and returning them to their outdoor homes.

WHY TNR WORKS?

Trap, Neuter and Return works because:

- The number of feral cats decline
- The annoying behaviors of mating cats, such as yowling, fighting and spraying are greatly reduced
- The cats are vaccinated – which is healthier for the cats and the community at large
- The cats continue to provide natural rodent control

TRAP AND REMOVE DOESN'T WORK. Not only would you have to continue to remove cats, but other cats will move in to take advantage of existing resources

AND THE CYCLE BEGINS AGAIN....

The Town of North Hempstead (TONH) has implemented a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program to address the feral cat population and maintain the health of the community at large.

In conjunction with Helping Paw, a not-for-profit organization, humane traps are provided to residents, the cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and ear-tipped at an on-site mobile unit, and returned to their original colony. Currently, spay/neuter clinics are scheduled twice a month, and are free for residents of the TONH.

If you need assistance with feral cats in your neighborhood, please call 311 and fill out a service request. Someone from the Feral Cat Program will contact you.

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