



TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN PROGRAM

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for cats and dogs in need throughout central Massachusetts by providing affordable spay and neuter services, medical care and support for catastrophic illness and injury, public education and counseling for people facing difficult animal situations.

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Organized in October 2000, Second Chance Fund for Animal Welfare has spayed/neutered over 8,000 animals, many of whom were homeless cats, either feral or stray. We have established almost 200 managed colonies of these cats using the humane Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) method in the towns of Millbury, Clinton, Acton, Sterling, Marlboro, Worcester, Lancaster, Shrewsbury, Ayer, Shirley, Hudson, Stow, Northboro, Princeton, Holden, Westboro, Fitchburg, West Boylston, Maynard, Gardner, Bolton, Southbridge, Lunenburg & Carlisle. Our numbers are still growing and our area expanding.

If you feed or otherwise watch over such a group of homeless cats and are saddened and frustrated by the endless litters of kittens, territorial fighting, and spreading of disease, we would like to help you. Our humane TNR program offers a far better solution than trapping to kill. Killing has been proven to be ineffective in the long run, as other cats simply fill the void and initiate a new breeding cycle that produces larger litters.

Our Trap-Neuter-Return process typically proceeds as follows:

- We discuss your situation via phone and counsel you on the process.
- You work to establish a regular feeding schedule for at least a week.

- We help you set a date and time to trap the cats, establishing the plan for temporarily housing and transporting cats to and from the veterinary clinic after trapping.
- Food is withheld for at least 24 hours prior to trapping (key to achieving success!)
- You set the traps on the scheduled night; all trapped animals are covered with towels or blankets and held over night in a warm setting.
- The next day, you transport the cats to the veterinary clinic for spaying or neutering. All cats are vaccinated for distemper and rabies - and are "eartipped" for easy identification as a TNR'd cat.
- After recovery, you release the cats back to your location for on-going monitoring and feeding as before.

The spay/neuter clinics vary in fee from free (Feral Spay Sunday venues) to heavily discounted to fit every budget.

To stop the breeding now, call us at (978)779-8287 or email us at info@secondchancefund.org to work out a plan.

Thank you for helping to end the births year after year of unwanted kittens!