



Trap-Neuter-Return of Free-roaming & Community Cats

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The ASV supports and promotes trap-neuter-return (TNR) in the management of free-roaming and community cat populations as part of a comprehensive population control strategy.

TNR programs provide an effective alternative to euthanasia of otherwise healthy cats.^{1,2} Such cats should be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, ear-tipped, and permanently identified as such with a tattoo and/or microchip prior to return to their original location.

TNR programs should be part of an overall management strategy that includes public education, the promotion of responsible cat ownership to reduce abandonment, as well as affordable and easily accessible spay-neuter and adoption programs.³

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