



## **Trap-Neuter-Return**

*A Humane, Effective Solution for Hillside*

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), also referred to as Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Manage (TNVM), is a humane method of managing the feral/free roaming cat population with the long-term goal of reducing and eventually eliminating it. TNR has resulted in reduced cat populations and large financial savings for many New Jersey municipalities.

Feral cats are the result of pets that have been abandoned, become lost, or are allowed to roam the neighborhood unsupervised. These former pets reproduce, resulting in generations of cats that are not socialized to humans. They tend to congregate in groups where they reproduce unchecked.

Trapping, neutering and vaccinating these cats stops the cycle of reproduction and protects the cats, along with any humans they may interact with, against potential disease transmission from wildlife. Kittens and cats that are tame enough to be adopted are sterilized and placed into homes. Adult cats are returned to the colony where, with proper management and oversight, they live out their lives under the supervision of the colony caregivers and other community volunteers. Over time, the number of cats will naturally decrease.

Cats are territorial by nature so returning the cats to their territory helps prevent other unneutered cats from invading and repopulating the area. The presence of cats also helps deter rodents. Doing TNR also often resolves most nuisance behaviors related to cats not being neutered such as spraying and leaving feces unburied (marking territory), fighting, caterwauling, roaming, and having kittens. All of this normally stops when the cats are neutered.

**Support TNR and help reduce the number of feral cats  
in Hillside by sending your donation to**

**People for Animals**

**Be sure to mark your donation "FOR HILLSIDE TNR"**

**For more information or assistance**

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