

## How can you help?

*Without your help the SPCAFC wouldn't be able to help the animals and people in our community. We have a variety of ways for you to give - both financially and of your time. Volunteers are always welcome!*

*Our goal: to provide spay/neuter services to all Franklin County pet owners that are in financial need of assistance.*

*We hope you will join with us on attaining this goal. Consider a donation to help us continue our services!*



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## **Franklin County SNIP Fund for Feral Cats**



Feral cats have a home - outdoors!

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# Helping Franklin County Feral Cat Caretakers

## OUR MISSION

The SPCA of Franklin County is a non-profit organization. Driven by a need to lower the numbers of animals euthanized at the Franklin County Animal Control Shelter, the SPCA of Franklin County was formed in 2003. Our main goal is to reduce animal over population in Franklin County through spay & neuter education and services. This includes those residents who care for cats living permanently outdoors.

## TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN - WHAT IS IT?

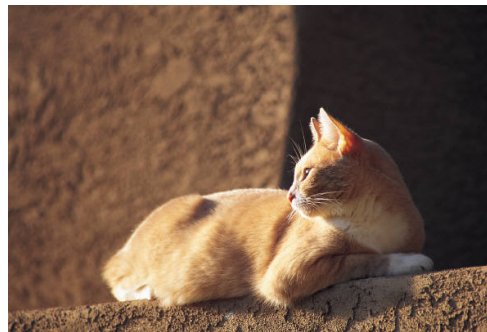
TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) is a process where humane traps are set out where feral cats live. Once the cats are trapped they are then transported to the vet where they are provided with a quality spay/neuter surgery along with a rabies and distemper vaccination. They are also given a general health exam that looks for injuries, infections or other issues. The cats are returned to the traps and the caretaker takes them back to their original trapping location and then releases them back to the colony.

## FACTS ABOUT FERAL CATS & OVERPOPULATION

- An unspayed cat can produce 4-5 litters a year of 1-6 kittens in each litter.
- Feral cats live in colonies with other cats. These colonies can be as few as 3 cats and as large as 50 or more.
- Female cats can start producing kittens at the age of 5 months.
- Most kittens are born in the Spring and Summer months but can be born in the Fall and early Winter as well.
- Trapping and removing cats does NOT decrease a colony - it only allows for new cats to come in and fill that "space".

## BENEFITS OF SPAYING & NEUTERING

- Spayed or neutered cats tend to live an average of 2-3 years longer.
- Spaying and neutering protects cats from some types of cancer.
- Spaying and neutering reduces the incidences of fighting.



## SNIP FUND

The SPCA of FC now offers a financial assistance program for feral cat caretakers. The co-payment is \$20 cash for cats. The SPCA of FC funds the remaining fees through donations and grants. The co-payment is due the morning of surgery and will include routine spay or neuter surgery, pain medication, rabies and distemper vaccinations and a microchip.

## WHO QUALIFIES

Any Franklin County resident who care for feral cats Caretakers must fill out a SNIP Fund TNR application and provide information about the cats in their care.

## HOW TO APPLY

If you or someone you know is caring for feral cats visit our website to download an application or call us to receive an application @ 919-556-0954 M-F 9am-5pm.

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