

Become An Activist for Cats

Now that you've read through the handbook and learned the issues surrounding cats, here are a few steps you can take on their behalf.

- Implement a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program for free-roaming cats in your community.
- Advocate for TNR programs in your community by sending polite and educational letters to city council members, accompanied by a supporting petition with signatures. You might even want to include a copy of this handbook to offer additional information.
- Address neighbors' concerns and complaints by educating them on the importance and effectiveness of TNR; offer to set up sprinklers and other harmless deterrents to keep cats out of gardens; and build outdoor litter boxes and scoop them daily.
- Encourage your veterinarian to treat feral cats and offer TNR services.
- Respond to negative press by submitting editorial letters that present the facts on TNR and cat predation.
- Contact wildlife and bird conservation groups and encourage them to adopt nonlethal forms of animal management, including TNR for community cats.
- Request ACR's TNR brochure to distribute.
- Volunteer, foster, and donate to your local cat organizations.
- Support colony caretakers by building shelters and/or feeding stations and donating food.
- Adopt an alley cat.

Helpful Resources

Humane box traps are available from the following companies:

ACES (Animal Care Equipment & Services, Inc.)
(800) 338-ACES(2237)
www.animal-care.com

Safeguard Traps
800-433-1819
www.safeguardproducts.com

Tomahawk Live Trap
(800) 272-8727
www.livetraps.com

Tru-Catch Traps
1-800-247-6132
www.trucatchtraps.com

Information on drop traps can be found at:

Droptrapdesign.blogspot.com

Tomahawk Live Trap
(800) 272-8727
www.livetraps.com

Transfer cages and cat dens:

Tomahawk Live Trap
(800) 272-8727
www.livetraps.com

Holding pens, playpens, and carriers can be purchased from:

Chewy.com
1-800-67-CHEWY (672-4399)

Drs. Foster & Smith
(800) 826-7206
www.drsfostersmith.com

Petsmart, Petco

Nets for safely catching cats can be purchased at:

ACES (Animal Care Equipment & Services, Inc.)
(800) 338-ACES(2237)
www.animal-care.com

Specialized fencing and catios:

Affordable Cat Fence
1-888-840-CATS(2287)
www.catfence.com

Cat Fence In
1-888-738-9099
www.catfencein.com

Purrfect Fence
1-888-280-4066
www.purrfectfence.com

Feeding stations:

FeralVilla.com

Outdoor shelters:

FeralVilla.com

Petsmart, Petco

YunnaCreations
(901) 299-4806
www.etsy.com/shop/YunnaCreations

Heating pads and warming beds:

Chewy.com

CozyWinters.com

800-340-1528

Petsmart, Petco

Cat scat mats and cat repellent products are available from:

Beaphar (company in Holland)

Reppers Outdoor Sticks

www.beaphar.com

Chewy.com

Gardener's Supply Company

1-800-876-5520

www.gardeners.com

Petsmart, Petco

Calming products can be purchased at most pet supply stores and online:

- Feliway - sprays, diffusers
- Whisker City - sprays, water additive
- Rescue Remedy by Bach - water additive

Parasite prevention can be purchased at most pet supply stores, online, or through a veterinarian:

- Advantage Multi (Bayer) - fleas, ticks, ear mites, heartworms, roundworms, hookworms
- Capstar - fleas
- De Flea (Natural Chemistry) - sprays, shampoos
- Frontline Plus - fleas, lice, tick

- Heartgard - heartworms, hookworms

- Profender - tapeworms, roundworms, hookworms

- Revolution - fleas, ticks, ear mites, heartworms, roundworms, hookworms

Other helpful resources:

Alley Cat Rescue
www.saveacat.org

City Critters, Inc.
www.citycritters.org

Little Buddies
www.littlebuddies.org

Spay USA
www.spayusa.org

Vox Felina
www.voxfelina.com

Providing critical analysis of claims made in the name of science by those opposed to feral/free-roaming cats and trap-neuter-return (TNR).

*Managing Community Cats:
A Guide for Municipal Leaders*

Written by the Humane Society of the United States. Concisely focused on what local leaders want and need to know, this guide offers an in-depth look at community cat management programs, addresses proactive approaches, and the importance of collaborative efforts in local communities.

Download your copy at: <http://www.animalsheltering.org/resources/all-topics/cats/managing-community-cats.pdf>