

Community Cat Survey 2019

Alley Cat Rescue conducted a survey of TNR groups and colony caretakers throughout the U.S. We received 298 responses, though only a little over 50% of respondents confirmed that they were actively practicing TNR. The breakdown of responses for each survey question can be found below.

Those respondents collectively reported sterilizing about 67,822 cats annually, with one third reporting to sterilize 100 or more cats each year. The largest number of annual sterilizations reported by a single responder was an impressive 15,501.

Particular success was seen with reducing the number of kittens being born in colonies. Overall, the average number of kittens found per survey respondent dropped from 3.34 before TNR was begun in their colonies, to 1.7 after they had implemented TNR. The percentage of respondents who reported over 20 kittens in their care dropped remarkably from 48% before TNR to only 10% after TNR, revealing the TNR groups have greatly reduced the number of kittens being born within individual colonies.

Question	Answer & Percentage	
1. Do you have a physical shelter?	Yes	33.78%
	No	66.22%
2. What is your organization's capacity? (How many animals can it hold?)	10-20	47.7%
	21-40	15.92%
	41-60	12.10%
	61+	24.20%
3. How many paid employees do you have?	0-3	89.85%
	4-6	2.54%
	7-10	1.02%
	11+	6.60%
4. Do you have a foster program/network?	Yes	60.19%
	No	39.81%
5. How many volunteers, including fosters, do you have?	1-10	58.54%
	11-20	14.63%
	21-30	9.27%
	31+	17.56%

6. How many years have you been in operation?	1-5	37.33%
	6-15	38.71%
	16-25	14.29%
	26+	9.68%
7. Besides providing TNR for feral cats, do you offer spay/neuter services to "owned" cats?	Yes	57.62%
	No	42.38%
8. If yes, how many "owned" cats do you sterilize per year?	1-20	42.96%
	21-50	17.04%
	51-80	8.15%
	81+	31.85%
9. Do you sterilize cats before you adopt them out?	Yes	95.90%
	No	4.10%
10. If yes, how many cats in your adoption program do you sterilize per year?	40-60	41.10%
	61-80	9.59%
	81-110	10.27%
	111+	39.04%
11. How many cats has your group TNR'd in TOTAL?	200-500	45.21%
	501-1000	13.83%
	1001-5000	22.34%
	5001-10,000	8.51%
	10,001-15,000	4.26%
	15,001-20,000	2.13%
	20,001-25,000	1.06%
25,001+	2.66%	
12. How many cats do you TNR per year?	1-100	54.05%
	101-300	19.82%
	301-500	9.01%
	501-700	4.50%
	701-900	3.60%
	901-1,500	3.60%
	1,501+	5.41%
13. What is the average size colony in your area? (How many cats per colony?)	5-10	53.24%
	11-20	33.80%
	21-30	9.26%
	31+	3.70%
14. How many colonies do you take care of?	1-5	78.28%
	6-10	12.12%
	11-15	5.05%
	16-20	0.51%
	21-25	1.01%
	26+	3.03%

15.	How many colonies do others in your area take care of?	1-5	45.50%
		6-10	15.87%
		11-15	8.99%
		16+	29.63%
16.	What is the average age of the cats in these colonies?	1 month-1 year	6.83%
		2-6 years	73.66%
		6-10 years	18.05%
		10+ years	1.46%
17.	What are the oldest ages of some of the cats?	3-5 years	14.42%
		6-8 years	27.88%
		9-12 years	31.25%
		13+ years	26.44%
18.	How long do you hold a cat for recovery after surgery?	A few hours	4.59%
		1 day	47.71%
		2 days	27.98%
		3 days	19.72%
19.	Do you ear tip all cats you TNR?	Yes	92.34%
		No	7.66%
20.	Do you test for FIV and FeLV?	Yes	36.41%
		No	63.59%
21.	If you do test, how many cats have tested positive for FeLV?	1-5	69.41%
		6-10	15.29%
		11-15	7.06%
		16+	8.24%
22.	If you do test, how many cats have tested positive for FIV?	1-5	67.39%
		6-10	7.61%
		11-15	6.52%
		16+	18.48%
23.	Do you provide rabies vaccines?	Yes	86.70%
		No	13.30%
24.	Do you provide other vaccinations and/or treatments?	Distemper	70.69%
		Leukemia	21.26%
		Dewormer	72.99%
		Deflea	78.16%
25.	How many kittens were reported prior to TNR?	5-10	16.37%
		11-15	18.13%
		16-20	15.20%
		21-25	8.19%
		26+	42.11%

26.	How many kittens were reported after TNR?	0-5	66.86%
		6-10	12.79%
		11-15	10.47%
		16-20	1.74%
		21+	8.14%
27.	How many kittens have been removed for adoption?	5-10	30.86%
		11-15	17.14%
		16-20	9.14%
		21-25	3.43%
		26+	39.43%
28.	How many adult cats have been removed for adoption?	0-5	53.85%
		6-10	18.13%
		11-15	7.14%
		16-20	4.95%
		21+	15.93%
29.	How many cats have been relocated?	0-5	60.00%
		6-10	13.14%
		11-15	9.14%
		16-20	4.00%
		21+	13.71%
30.	After performing TNR, how many new cats moved into the colonies?	0-5	80.57%
		6-10	14.29%
		11-15	1.14%
		16-20	0.57%
		21+	3.43%
31.	How many cats died from natural causes?	0-5	66.08%
		6-10	19.88%
		11-15	4.68%
		16-20	2.92%
		21+	6.43%
32.	How many died due to suspicious circumstances?	0-5	82.46%
		6-10	9.36%
		11-15	5.26%
		16-20	1.17%
		21+	1.75%
33.	How many were killed by cars?	0-5	80.00%
		6-10	12.57%
		11-15	4.57%
		16-20	0.57%
		21+	2.29%
34.	How many were euthanized?	0-5	86.36%
		6-10	4.55%

	11-15	2.84%
	16-20	2.27%
	21+	3.98%
35. What is your average cost to neuter a male feral cat?	\$25-50	71.67%
	\$51-75	16.67%
	\$76-100	6.11%
	\$101+	5.56%
36. What is your average cost to spay a female feral cat?	\$25-50	55.56%
	\$51-75	23.33%
	\$76-100	12.22%
	\$101+	8.89%
37. What do you charge the client to neuter a male feral cat?	\$0-25	61.49%
	\$26-50	24.84%
	\$51-75	6.83%
	\$76+	6.83%
38. What do you charge the client to spay a female feral cat?	\$0-25	58.02%
	\$26-50	26.54%
	\$51-75	8.64%
	\$76+	6.79%
39. Does your local animal control agency approve of TNR?	Yes	79.29%
	No	20.71%
	Other (please specify)	0%
40. Does your local animal control offer TNR to local people?	Yes	36.46%
	No	63.54%
41. Has your animal control ever trapped-and-killed whole colonies?	Yes	41.01%
	No	58.99%
	Other (please specify)	0%
42. If yes, have other cats moved into the area?	Yes	83.56%
	No	16.44%
43. If yes, new cats moved in, how long after the eradication did they move in?	Less than 1 month	46.15%
	2-3 months	38.46%
	4-5 months	10.77%
	6+ months	4.62%
44. Is the public aware of feral cats in your area?	Yes	183
	No	22

45.	Is the public sympathetic to feral cat colonies?	Yes	19.80%
		No	12.87%
		Somewhat	67.33%
46.	Does your group promote educational/ outreach programs regarding TNR and feral cats?	Yes	89.47%
		No	10.53%
47.	How effective have such outreach programs been?	Not at all	3.98%
		Somewhat	74.43%
		Extremely	21.59%
48.	How would your organization classify working with county-run animal shelters?	Easy	18.86%
		Intermediate	45.71%
		Difficult	35.43%
49.	How would you classify working with local government/ city officials regarding animal issues?	Easy	9.57%
		Intermediate	46.28%
		Difficult	44.15%
50.	How would you classify working with local wildlife groups (i.e. Fish and Wildlife Service, Game Commission, Audubon Society), if any?	Easy	16.89%
		Intermediate	40.54%
		Difficult	42.57%