

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.