



Community Cat Communications

- I. AID the community in differentiating between community and "owned" cats.
 - a. Community cat
 - i. Can be feral or friendly
 - ii. Does not have an identified "owner"
 - iii. May have multiple caregivers
 - b. "Owned" cat
 - i. Has an "owner" who cares and provides for the cat
 - ii. May be indoor and outdoor roaming

- II. Assist the community in understanding the previous system and why it was not working
 - a. Previous system resulted in the euthanasia of thousands of cats who were not adoption candidates
 - i. Out of sight, out of mind – a story of euthanasia
 - b. Previous system did not reduce the number of community cats
 - i. Vacuum created – see diagram
 - c. The previous system was costly to the community
 - i. Animal Control resources in those communities which invested in that option
 - ii. Housing and treatment of potential adoption candidates
 - iii. Euthanasia is a medical service

- III. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) works!
 - a. Reduces the number of community cats over time (4-10 yrs depending on study)
 - b. Community cats who have been altered are better neighbors
 - i. Reduction or elimination of nuisances such as spraying, fighting, and roaming
 - ii. They are healthier – vaccinated against rabies, overall health improves
 - iii. Opens up dialogue and problem solving amongst neighbors
 - c. Will reduce the number of cats in shelter
 - i. There are more cats than homes
 - ii. Feral or unfriendly cats are not adoption candidates
 - iii. Working cat placements are scarce for non-adoption candidates
 - iv. Allows for a hierarchy of needs for shelter resources (bottle babies and kittens)
 - d. Will reduce unnecessary euthanasia
 - i. Already in process as of January 1, 2019

- IV. Share the Community Cat Initiative Plan
 - a. Requires community participation
 - i. Caregiver Training
 - ii. Trapping
 - iii. Spay/Neuter
 - iv. Return
 - v. Management
 - b. Will require financial support
 - i. Borrowing traps requires a refundable deposit
 - ii. Medical Services (spay/neuter)