

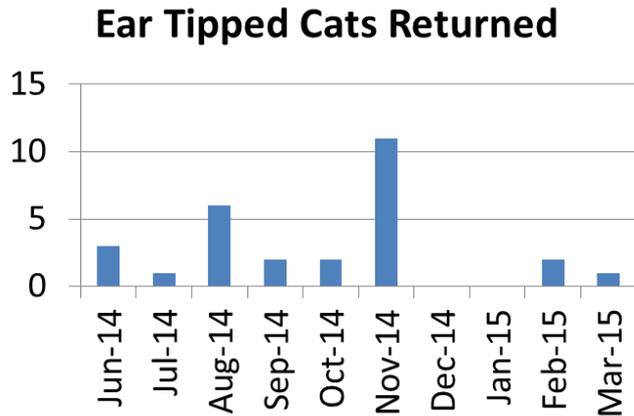
Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return: Data Report

Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return (TNVR) refers to the vaccinating, spaying or neutering of feral cats, before returning them to their home environment. In June 2014, the Board of Health approved a Pilot TNVR Project with Pet Community Center (PCC). The pilot project allowed for feral cats from 37138 and 37216 that were brought into the shelter to be released to PCC and ultimately be returned to their home. Additionally, the pilot project allowed the shelter to release all ear-tipped cats (no zip code restriction) to PCC to be returned to their homes.

The data report below contains the information regarding the TNVR Pilot Project.

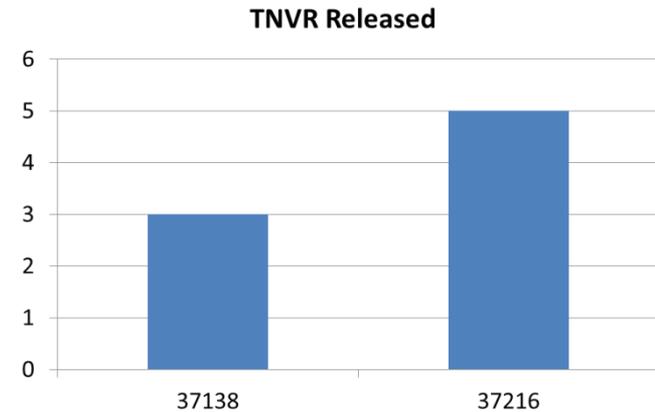
Ear Tipped Cats Returned

A total of **28** ear-tipped cats were released to PCC during the pilot project date range. Below is a breakdown by month.



Zip Code Cats Returned: 37138 and 37216

A total of **8** unaltered cats were released to PCC during the pilot project date range. Below is a breakdown by zip code.



Shelter Intake and Outcome Information

Intake from the targeted zip codes has decreased by 70% from FY14 to FY15. MACC began participating in the TNVR project after PCC had already completed a substantial number of surgeries in each zip code. The 'community cats' that were released because of this project would have otherwise been euthanized after the mandatory hold period. This project has had a positive effect on shelter intake and outcome (euthanasia rate).

Shelter Costs

Cost for this project is negligible to the shelter. The cats are picked-up within 24 hours of arriving at the shelter and PCC provides all transportation.



Certified MACC Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Return (TNVR) Participant Application

“Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Return” (TNR) refers to the spaying or neutering and vaccination of feral cats, before returning them to their home environment. This is one tactic used to humanely reduce the feral cat population in Davidson County.

Once the TNVR Participant Application is completed and approved, the organization will be eligible to participate with MACC in TNVR, within the scope specified in the Application. A TNVR Participant must be certified in order for the “TNVR” portion of the MACC fee schedule to apply (as approved by the Board of Health).

A. Pre-Requisites

To become and continue to be a Certified MACC TNVR Participant, an organization must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) organization;
- Have no director, operator, staff or animal caregivers, including volunteers, with convictions of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment;
- Complete and sign a Certified MACC TNVR Participant application, and abide by the terms and conditions of the application;
- Have a permanent structure for the care of animals, and have a Use and Occupancy letter issued by Metro government for that structure.

B. Supporting Documentation

The following supporting documents must accompany an application, and must thereafter be provided upon MACC’s request:

- Non-profit 501(c)(3) registration and bylaws;
- Name, address, phone number and e-mail of the organization’s primary contact person for this relationship;
- Current list of the organization’s officers and directors, with addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses;
- List of references, including the veterinarians used by the organization for the

- cats' neutering and spaying; and,
- Location of structure, and a Use and Occupancy letter confirming that structure conforms to all zoning and codes requirements.

Application with all supporting documentation may be submitted either in person or by mail to the Metro Animal Care and Control Manager, 5125 Harding Place, Nashville, TN, 37211.

C. Scope of TNVR Participant's Work

Applicant desires to participate in TNVR as regarding cats delivered to MACC by the public who meet the following specifications:

A. Age or size of each cat:

- a. At least 3 pounds, or any age or size with a left ear tip (denoting feral cat that has already been spayed or neutered)

B. Geographic home area of each cat:

- a. From zip code 37216 or zip code 37138;
- b. Or, a cat with a "left ear tip" from any zip code

D. Standing Deposit

Applicant will also submit a check payable to Metro Animal Care and Control in the amount of \$ 250 (two hundred and fifty dollars), which will be retained by MACC as a standing "intact animal" deposit. The MACC Manager may require the standing deposit to be replenished or supplemented at any time by additional funds from Applicant/Participant.

E. Terms and Conditions

1. **Definitions**

- a. **Metro – Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee, through its governing body, the Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County.**
- b. **MACC – Metro Animal Care and Control.**
- c. **Certified MACC TNVR Participant (or Participant) – A non-profit organization which has applied and been approved by MACC.**

2. **Cats available for TNVR**

Only cats described in Scope, above, are contemplated by this Application and available for TNVR by Participant. Participant understands the cats will be of varying health and temperament. Participant understands that transfer of any of these cats to Participant falls within the reasonable judgment of the MACC Manager. Participant also understands that the cats may receive a cursory, visual physical inspection at MACC, and as a result, may not be approved for transfer to Participant.

3. **Retrieval of cats from MACC**

Within 24 hours after receiving an "available TNVR cat" email from MACC staff, Participant will retrieve the cat from MACC. However, if such email is received on a Saturday or Sunday, then Participant will retrieve the cat on or before the immediately following Tuesday.

For each cat, Participant will pay MACC the fee (if any) specified by the "Community Cats" portion of the MACC fee schedule

The cat will be transported in a trap, carrier, or feral cat den carrier. The cat will be accompanied by a MACC kennel card, including the MACC-assigned "A number," as well as by the geographic information where the cat was reported to have been found, and the contact information of the person who delivered the cat to MACC.

Participant will provide MACC Manager with the current email designated by Participant to receive such notifications, and with the current list of persons who will act on Participant's behalf in retrieving cats from MACC. The individual will present photo identification to MACC when retrieving a TNVR cat.

4. Spay/Neuter, vaccination, and release of cats

Participant will ensure that each cat it retrieves from MACC is given a rabies vaccination (as specified more fully below), and spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian, either at Participant's facility or another veterinary facility. Each cat so spayed or neutered will also be given a "left ear tip," to signify its status. Any cat retrieved by Participant that already has a "left ear tip" will not receive surgery, but will receive a rabies vaccination.

Participant will ensure that each cat receives proper post-surgery care, and will then release each cat to the same geographic area where it was found. Participant will also provide information about TNVR to the homes or businesses immediately surrounding the location of cat's release. If Participant believes, in its reasonable judgment, that a cat is not well-suited for release, that cat may instead be adopted. Any such adoptions must be facilitated by a Certified MACC Partner.

Within one week (7 calendar days) after Participant retrieves a cat from MACC, Participant will email MACC (at the email address provided by MACC) with the following information ("report"): cat's "A number;" rabies certificate; and, proof of spay/neuter. Participant will not be eligible to retrieve additional cats from MACC if any such report is overdue.

5. Costs and Sterilization Requirements

Participant shall not release any sexually intact animal to any third party.

In no event shall Metro be liable for any costs expended by Participant.

6. Vaccination Requirements

Participant shall comply with Title 68, Chapter 8 of the Tennessee Code relative to rabies vaccinations. Participant agrees to vaccinate any animal 4 months of age or older prior to return, and provide a rabies vaccination certificate for all animals acquired from MACC, as provided for in state law. Participant shall submit a license registration fee in accordance with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Animal Control Fee Schedule, as may be amended from time to time. The license registration shall be issued in the name of the Participant. MACC will reconcile the number of cats provided to Participant with the number of rabies vaccination registrations received each year.

7. Care, Facility Requirements and Right to Reclaim

Participant shall provide the animals obtained from Metro with proper and sufficient food, fresh water, and shelter, while in the possession of Participant. Participant shall maintain a kennel, shelter, or other suitable facility for animals received from Metro while the animals are in the process of recovery or placement. Metro hereby reserves the right to inspect any and all facilities where the animals are housed. Participant shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Metro Code and Tennessee statutes relating to the care of animals, and shall maintain all applicable local zoning, occupational and other licenses. Upon Metro's finding Participant failed to provide animals with proper

and sufficient food, fresh water and or shelter while in Participant's possession, is otherwise neglecting or mistreating the animals while in Participant's possession, or is keeping animals in violation of local zoning regulations, Metro shall be entitled to recover, without further process, possession and ownership of all animals obtained by Participant from Metro. Metro may, within its sole discretion, subsequently terminate Participant's status as a Certified TNVR Participant.

8. Qualifications of TNVR Participant

Participant shall at all times maintain its status as a tax exempt organization pursuant to 26 U.S.C 501(c)(3), and have all appropriate licenses and registrations required by any local, state or federal agency.

9. Limitations

Participant shall not dispose of any animal received from Metro to any medical school, college, university, person, association, corporation or individual for experimentation or vivisection purposes, or to any person, firm, corporation or individual providing, selling, or supplying animals to any medical school, college, university, person, association, corporation or individual for experimentation or vivisection purposes. Participant shall not release animals to a person or organization owning or having control of more animals than is authorized by local building and zoning codes.

10. Term

Participant shall submit an application and terms and conditions on an annual basis.

11. No Convictions for Animal Cruelty

Participant acknowledges that no director, operator, staff or animal caregivers, including volunteers, of Participant have been convicted of, found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, regardless of adjudication, animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment. Participant further acknowledges that no director, operator, staff, or animal caregivers of Participant have had their right to rescue animals revoked, suspended or rescinded in any other jurisdiction for any reason whatsoever.

12. Independent Contractor

Participant is an independent contractor under this application. Services provided by Participant pursuant to this Application shall be subject to the supervision of Participant. In providing such services, neither Participant nor its agents shall act as officers, employees, or agents of Metro. No partnership, joint venture, or other joint relationship is created hereby. Metro does not extend to Participant or Participant's agents any authority of any kind to bind Metro in any respect whatsoever.

13. Amendments

No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this application and executed by the Metro and Participant.

14. Jurisdiction and Venue

The validity, construction and effect of this contract and any and all extensions and/or modifications thereof shall be governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee. Any action between the parties arising from this application shall be maintained in the courts of Davidson County, Tennessee.

15. Compliance with Laws

Participant shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities, and obligations pursuant to this application.

16. Severance

In the event a portion of this application is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in effect.

17. Release, Indemnity, and Waiver of Liability

Participant agrees to release, waive, discharge, and covenants not to sue Metro, its officers, agents, and employees, from and for any and all liability of claims for damage or injury that may be sustained by the Participant directly or indirectly in connection with, or arising out of the activities contained in this application whether caused in whole or in part by the Metro. Participant further agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless Metro, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability, losses, or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, as a result of any claims, demands, suits, causes of action, or proceedings of any kind of nature, whether known or unknown, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from the release, return, relocation, adoption, care, ownership, maintenance, retention, temperament, conduct or condition of the animal(s).

18. Assignment and Performance

Neither this application nor any right or interest herein shall be assigned, transferred, or encumbered without the written consent of the other party. Notwithstanding anything else in this Application to the contrary, Metro may terminate Participant's status as a Certified TNVR Participant, effective immediately, if there is any assignment, or attempted assignment, transfer, or encumbrance, by Participant of its status or any right or interest herein without Metro's written consent.

19. Audit Right and Retention of Records

Metro shall have the right to audit the books, records, and accounts of Participant that are related to this application. Participant shall keep such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries related to this application. All books, records, and accounts of Participant shall be kept in a written form, or in a form capable of conversion into written form within a reasonable time, and upon request to do so, Participant shall make same available at no cost to Metro in written form. Participant shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times for examination and audit by Metro, all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, medical records and any other documents pertinent to this application for a period of 3 years after termination of Participant's status as a Certified TNVR Participant. If any audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the retention period or 3 years, whichever is longer, the books, records and accounts shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings.

20. Termination

The status of Participant as a Certified TNVR Participant may be removed by either party with or without cause, upon 10 days' written notice to the other party; provided that the obligations stated in this application of Participant in connection with animals obtained from Metro, but not yet released or adopted by third parties, shall be ongoing. Metro may elect to recover, at its discretion and without further process, possession of any sexually intact animal in Participant's possession at the time.

21. Notice

Notice shall be sent to the MACC Manager and Participant's designated primary contact.

Organization Information

Organization Name Pet Community Center

Facility Address

943-B Dr. Richard G. Adams Drive

City

Nashville

State

TN

Zip

37207

Facility Description (House, farm, etc)

Primary Contact Natalie Corwin

Home Phone none

Mobile Phone 615.364.9236

Email natalie@petcommunitycenter.org

Secondary Contact Beth DeMonbreun

Home Phone none

Mobile Phone 615.512.7546

Email beth@petcommunitycenter.org

Website www.petcommunitycenter.org

Clinic/Veterinarian Information

Clinic/Veterinarian Name Dr. Mike Greenberg

Address

943-B Dr. Richard G Adams Dr

City Nashville

State

TN

Zip

37207

Phone

615-512-5001

Mobile Phone

607.342.5234

Please indicate the healthcare your organization provides to animals: (check all that apply)

Veterinary exam

Treatment for skin conditions

Behavioral screening & training

Spaying & neutering

Standard vaccinations

Dental cleaning/treatments (as needed)

Heartworm testing/preventive (as needed)

Heartworm treatment

Special diets

Feleuk/FIV testing

Parasite control

Surgeries

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| Persons Authorized to Pick-Up and Transport Animals on Behalf of the Organization | |
| (1) | Name, address and contact information |
| (2) | Name, address and contact information |
| (3) | Name, address and contact information |
| (4) | Name, address and contact information |

I certify that I have answered the above questions truthfully on behalf of the organization listed above. I authorize Metro to contact any person/entity listed in this application or its attachments for reference and verification purposes. I understand that approval of the application of an organization to serve as a Certified TNVR Participant is at the sole discretion of Metro.

I have had an opportunity to review this application and knowingly and voluntarily agree to be bound by the terms and conditions.

I hereby represent and warrant that I am duly authorized to execute this application on behalf of the organization and do so with full legal authority.

Signature/Title

Date

Natalie Corwin

CEO

June 13, 2014

Print Name

Natalie Corwin

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Application: Approved Declined

MACC Director

Date

William S. Paul, MD, MPH, FACP, Director of Health

Date



Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return Program

Community Outreach Component

- Pet Community Center (PCC) utilizes private funds to subsidize free spay/neuter for community cats in a target area.
- Community Cats are defined as un-owned, outdoor, free roaming cats.
- Target area is selected based on community need (as evidenced by request to PCC's TNVR program) and shelter data (stray cat intake by zip code).
- Once funding is secured, PCC conducts outreach and marketing efforts in the target area, ensuring residents understand the program and they can access help. Outreach efforts include:
 - Press release
 - Meeting with neighborhood association
 - Mailing postcards
 - Social media posts (weekly, alternating day time and evening)
 - Door to door outreach
- Residents participate in the process by borrowing traps from PCC, trapping the cats, bringing them to the clinic and recovering them for 24-48 hours after surgery. All cats return to their original territory.
- We coach residents on responsible caretaking to minimize the impact of the cats on the neighborhood, including proper feeding techniques, deterrents to keep cats out of undesirable areas, and repairing structures so cats and wildlife are unable to enter.

Shelter Based Component

- When a free roaming cat from one of the two zip codes is brought to MACC, the MACC staff record the address where the cat was found and a MACC representative contacts PCC. PCC sends a staff member to pick up the cat and transports it to our veterinary clinic.
- The cat is spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies (using a 3 year vaccine), and receives a left ear tip.
- PCC issues a rabies certificate for each cat and sends a copy to MACC.
- After recovery from surgery, PCC staff returns the cat to its original territory. PCC also distributes brochures on the doors of each resident within a block to let them know that we returned a cat that area. The brochure explains we are willing to help with other cats in the area and how to contact PCC to request assistance. If we are aware of a caretaker in the area, we proactively reach out to them and ask if we can assist with TNVR for any other cats in the area.

Ear tipped cats

- Each cat that goes through the program receives a left ear tip, the universal symbol for a cat that has been through a TNVR program.
- If an ear tipped cat enters the MACC shelter, MACC records the address from which it came and contacts PCC.
- PCC staff picks up the cat and brings it to our clinic to receive a 3-year rabies vaccine. PCC issues a rabies certificate and sends a copy to MACC

- PCC staff returns the cat to its original territory and distributes brochures to the neighbors.
- All the ear tipped cats that entered the shelter through this program were in good body condition and good general health.

Old Hickory and Inglewood by Success

- These two target areas were identified as areas with a high number of requests to PCC for assistance for cats. Both areas were also top zip codes for cat intake at MACC in 2012/13. There was also strong volunteer presence in both areas.
- Both projects started in June/July 2013
- Total of 550 free surgeries were performed. 325 in Old Hickory, 225 in Inglewood.
- Neighbors in Old Hickory have reported seeing fewer cats in the area, especially fewer kittens. The number of requests to PCC has dropped dramatically, as has stray cat intake for that zip code. The Old Hickory Pets Facebook page also had dramatically fewer cat “posts”. Most of the cat posts are related to lost/found pets.
- Residents in Inglewood have also said they noticed a marked improvement (decrease) in the number of free roaming cats in the area. Requests to PCC have also declined.
- PCC will continue to maintain and support these two zip codes and wishes to turn our focus to new target areas – to be chosen based on shelter intake and community need. We expect to see similar results in the new target area.

Pet Community Center and Metro Animal Care and Control are partnering to provide more effective cat population control method.

Typically free roaming cats that were brought to the shelter were euthanized. Historically this has been ineffective in controlling the population and reducing unwanted behaviors.

Cats brought to the Metro Animal Care and Control Shelter will go through a Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return Program. Any eartipped cat will be returned to its original territory. Cats over 12 weeks of age and in general good health will participate in this program.



NEED HELP WITH CATS?

Contact us:

**Pet Community Center
Feline Fix Program**

**943-B Dr. Richard G. Adams Drive
Nashville, TN 37207**

**(615) 512-5991
info@petcommunitycenter.org**



Trap-Neuter- Vaccinate-Return (TNVR)

A better approach to free-roaming cat
population control



www.felinefixtn.org
(615) 512-5001

What is Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR)?



- Community cats that come to MACC are taken to a spay/neuter clinic to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated.
- Cats will receive a left eartip, the universal symbol of a fixed cat.
- Cats are returned to their original territory



What You Can Do To Help

- Contact Pet Community Center to schedule surgery for cats in your neighborhood. Traps are available for loan at no charge and we can assist you with trapping tips.
- Visit www.felinefixtn.org and learn more about community cats and how TNVR works.
- If you feed cats, keep feeding stations clean and discrete. Pick up food after feeding time to prevent feeding wildlife.

What Is A Feral Cat?

A cat becomes feral (wild) if he has little or no human contact during the first few weeks of life or is a lost or abandoned cat (stray) that over time reverts to a wild state.

What is a Community Cat?

A community cat is a free roaming cat which may be friendly or feral, but is living outdoors and thriving.

TNVR is the most effective solution:

- It costs less taxpayer dollars to sterilize than to kill cats.
- The population will be controlled with no new litters.
- Population will decrease naturally over time.
- Cats are vaccinated.
- Annoying behaviors like howling, fighting and marking will stop or decrease dramatically.
- It's humane

Removal & Complacency Do Not Work

Removal attempts may temporarily reduce the number of cats in a given area, but two things happen: unsterilized survivors continue to breed prolifically and other cats move into the now available territory. Year after year cats are removed and killed, but the population is never controlled. Fixed cats create a stable colony and prevent new cats from moving in.

Discontinuing feeding will not make the cats go away. Cats bond to their territory and are opportunistic scavengers that can, if necessary, survive on garbage. Under a feeding ban, the cats suffer as they search for new sources of food.



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Have outdoor cats?

www.petcommunitycenter.org/oldhickory



Get them fixed!

FREE!

for Old Hickory 37138

We provide free trap loan,
coaching, transportation &
spay/neuter for
outdoor/stray cats, while
funds last.



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Have outdoor cats?

www.petcommunitycenter.org/inglewood



Get them fixed!

FREE!

for Inglewood 37216

We provide free trap loan, coaching, transportation & spay/neuter for outdoor/stray cats, while funds last.



Trap- Neuter- Return is the humane and cost- effective method for helping the outdoor cat population. Each cat is fixed, vaccinated for rabies, and receives a left ear tip (to let everyone know she's fixed!) Cats are then returned to their outdoor home.

www.petcommunitycenter.org

Pet Community Center is a 501(c)3 dedicated to strengthening the human-animal bond and ending pet overpopulation.

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Local
Postal Customer



outdoor cats?

We have grant funding to spay/neuter cats in Old Hickory! Hurry while funds are still available.

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