

Community Cats

Helpful Information & Tips

A Community Cat is a catch-all term often used to describe any outdoor cat that may appear to not have an owner. Feral cats, which are under- or not socialized, fall under this umbrella, as do free-roaming, friendly cats.

In the City of Casa Grande, cats are not subject to the same leash laws as dogs so Casa Grande Animal Care and Adoption Center cannot pick up stray or feral cats for shelter or act against those feeding cats in their neighborhoods.

Many times, members of the community may act as Colony Managers ensuring that a feral cat colony is a Managed Colony (cats in these communities are usually fed, watered, vaccinated, spayed, or neutered, and monitored for overall health). Other times, the cats are self-reliant and can survive in the neighborhood on their own, without any direct assistance.



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How to Help Keep Community Cats Away From your Property

- Remove/secure all potential food & water sources from your property
- Spray concentrated orange juice or hang orange/lemon peels in areas where cats are spraying
- Keep all trash bins tightly closed as cats are considered opportunistic hunters
- Use a motion detecting device that turns on a sprinkler or bright light
- Remove/secure potential shelter areas - under house, sheds, decks, etc
- Use plastic carpet runners spike side up to prevent digging

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T.N.R.

(Trap, neuter, release)

TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) is a long-proven and effective method for humanely addressing community cat populations across the world.

TNR is widely believed to be the most humane and effective method for stabilizing a community cat population. For more information about TNR, please call the Spay Neuter Hotline at (602)265-7729 or complete the [online form](#)

- **Trap**: The cats are humanely trapped and brought to a clinic.
- **Neuter**: Cats are fixed, vaccinated, and their left ear is “tipped”
- **Release**: The fixed cats are safely returned to their colony.



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Community Benefits of T.N.R.

- Reduced or eliminated unwanted behaviors such as yowling, fighting, spraying.
- Typically, are less likely to wander (will stay near their food source)
- Cats will be healthier when treated with this humane solution.

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