

El Paso Animal Services

Community Cats

Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community





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Agenda

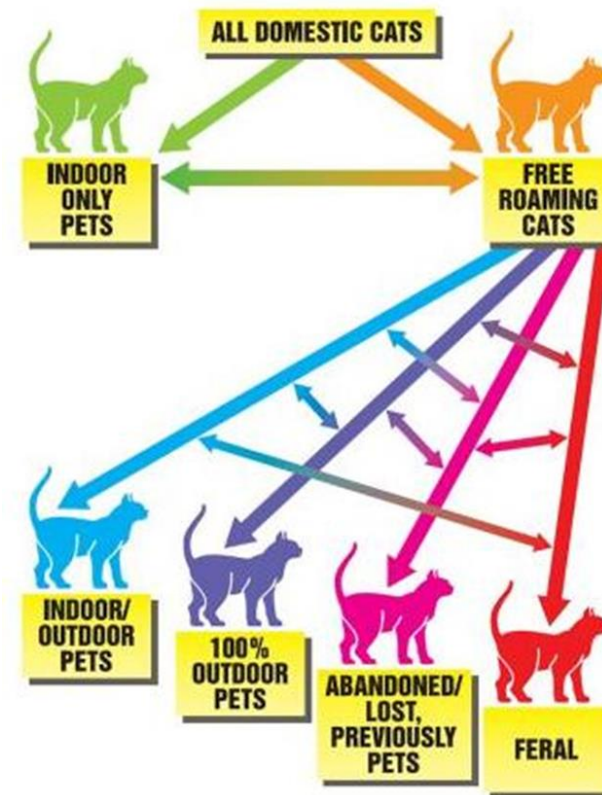
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What is the Community Cat Program?

- EPAS promotes and follows the Community Cat Program as a humane and non-lethal approach to long term free-roaming cat population control.
- Community Cats are often semi-friendly or unfriendly cats that wouldn't be suitable for adoption into homes and are already considered free-roaming. Don't worry, Community Cats are already accustomed to living outside and are happier this way!
- Cats that go through the Community Cat Program are humanely **Trapped** are **Spayed/Neutered**, have their ear tip to symbolize they have been through the program, **Vaccinated** and **Returned** to the trapped location.
- This program is free to the community!

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Trap and Euthanize

- Ineffective
- Fails to curtail population growth
- Costly
- Leads to Compassion Fatigue
 - High turnover in shelters
- Taints public image
- Publicly unpalatable

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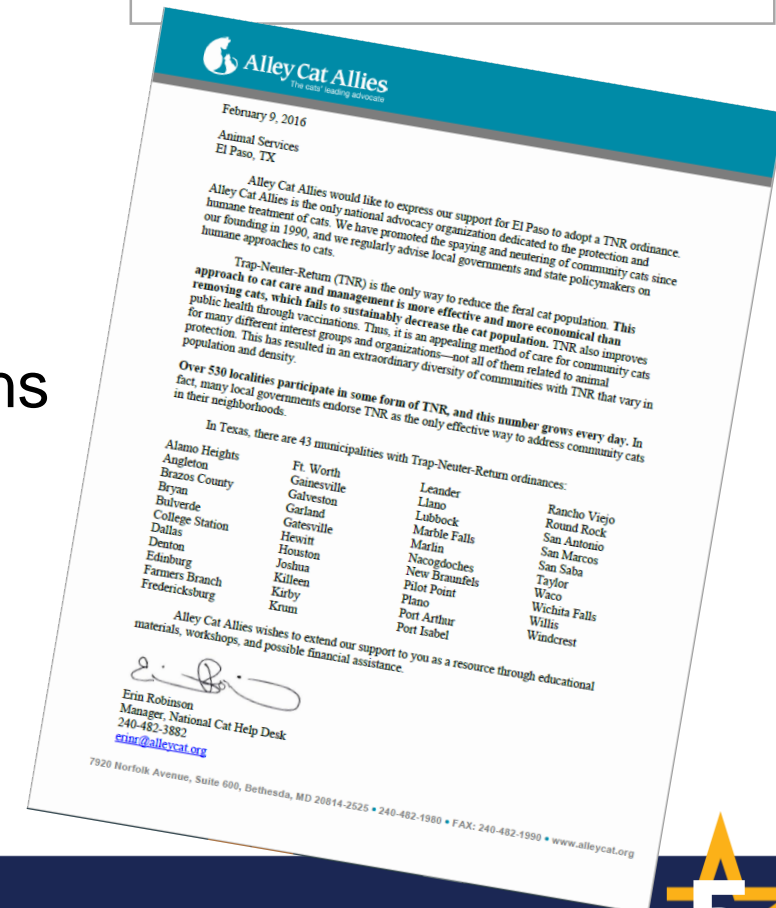


Community Cat Program

- Decades of euthanizing has proven unsuccessful
- Shelter Reform 2016 Best Practice
- Established March 2016 by City Ordinance
- Provides strategies to humanely manage cat populations
- April 3, 2016 traps not supplied by EPAS
- April 17, 2016 personally owned traps not picked up by EPAS

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Benefits

- Allows spayed/neutered, vaccinated, ear-tipped cats to be returned to their outdoor area to live out their lives. (Ear-tipping is a universal symbol of a spayed/neutered cat.)
- Evaluated by a Veterinarian.
- Humanely controls the community cat population so there are fewer cats over time.
- Reduces the number of cats killed by keeping these cats out of municipal shelters.
- Minimizes nuisance behaviors like spraying, fighting, howling and roaming.
- Improves the health of cats and neighborhood relations.
- Provides access to grant funding and volunteer participation.



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Terminology

- Ear-Tipped Cat
 - Title 7 - means a cat upon which a surgical process is performed during neutering as part of the trap-neuter-return protocol overseen by a licensed veterinarian, in which a one-quarter-inch diagonal cut is made to remove the point of a cat's ear, and is preferably, but not exclusively, on the cat's left ear, to identify the cat as being sterilized and lawfully vaccinated for rabies
- Feral
 - Animal that escaped from domestication and become wild.
 - Unsocialized and tend to be fearful of people and keep their distance

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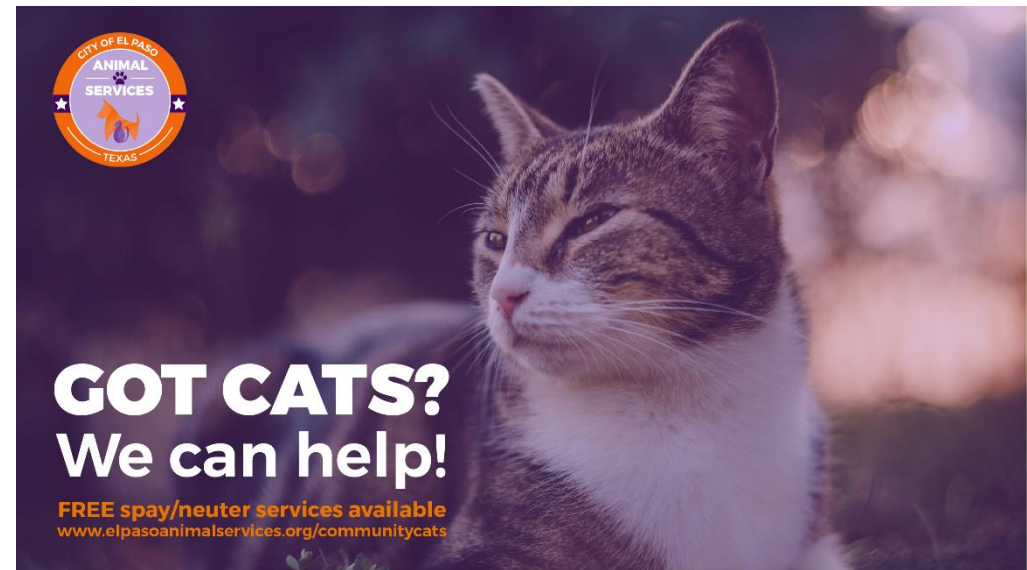
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Terminology

- Colony
 - Simply a group of free-roaming cats living together.
- Colony Manager/Caregiver
 - Eyes and ears for the colony
 - Cat population
 - Feeding times
 - Monitor for new intact cats

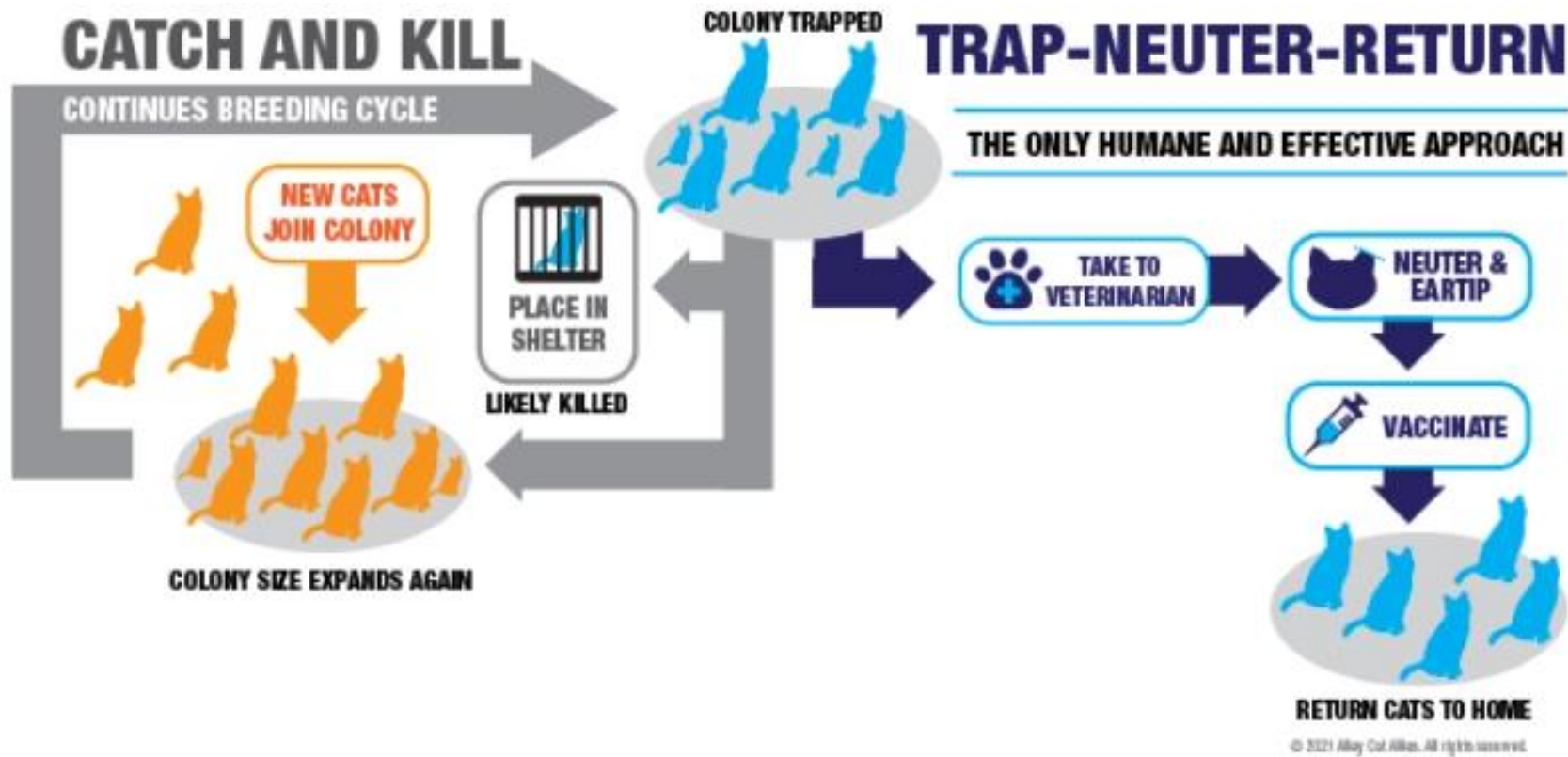
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Vacuum Effect

- Euthanasia creates voids in territories where new cats take over and the population rebounds



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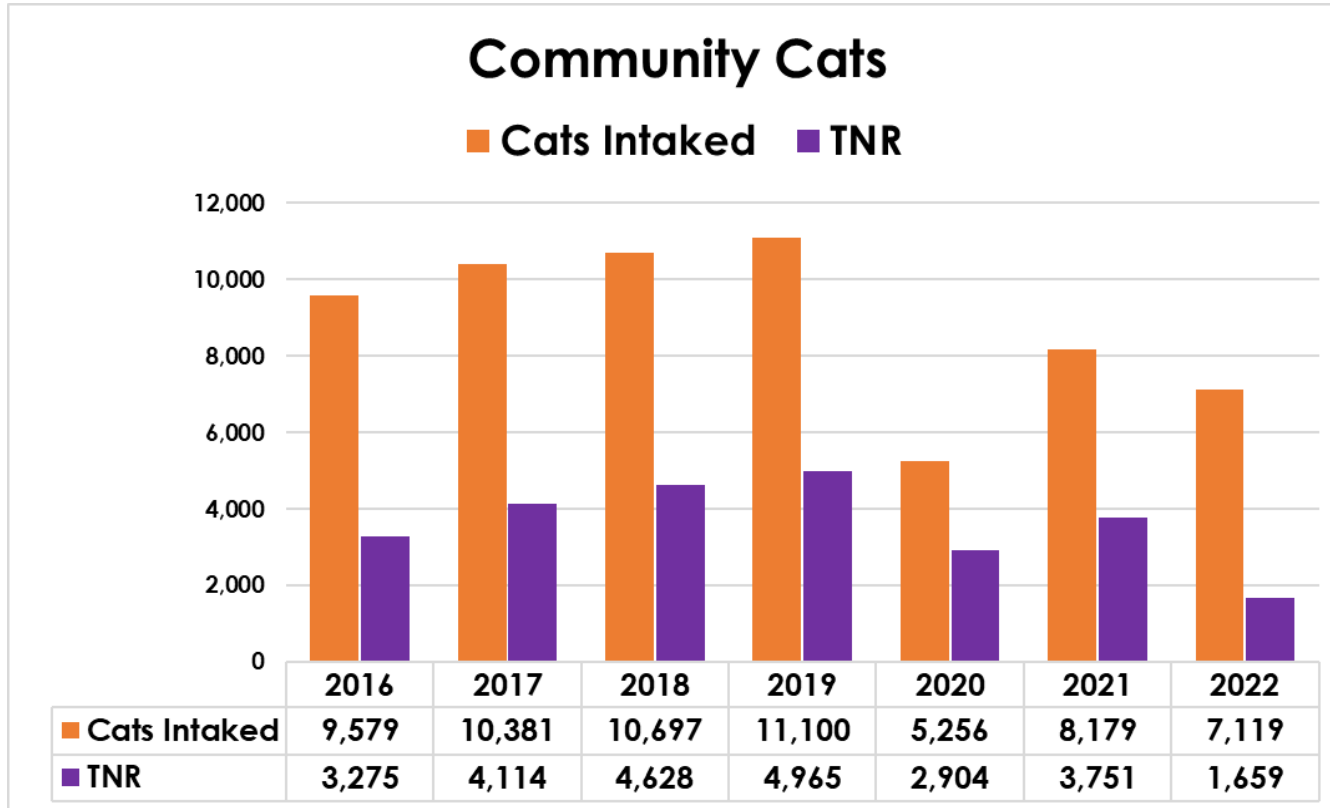
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Data

- EPAS

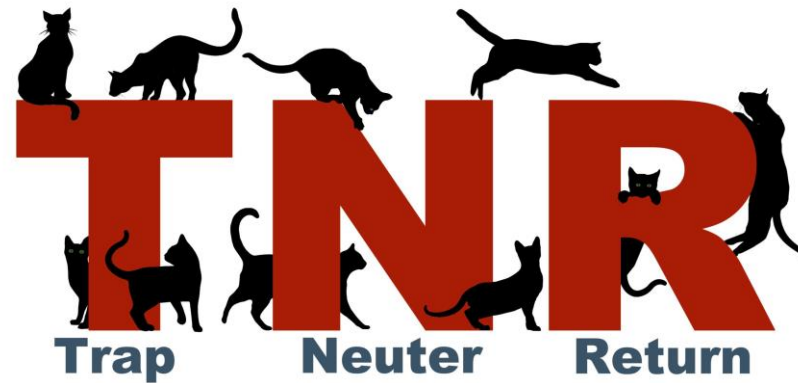
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Strategic Partners

- Community
- Sun City Cats
- El Paso TNR
- El Paso Animal Services
- Humane Society of El Paso
- Local Veterinarians



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Local Community Cat Resources

- **ElPasoAnimalServices.org**

- Community Cat Coordinator
(915)212-8719

- **SunCityCats.org**

- help@suncitycats.org

- **ElPasoTNR.org**

- info@elpasotnr.org

- **HSEIPaso.org**

- Mary Speer Program
Coordinator (915)532-6971
ext. 135



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National Community Cat Resources

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- **Alley Cat Allies**

- *AlleyCat.org*



- **Best Friends**

- *resources.BestFriends.org/advocacy/community-cats*



- **Animal Humane Society**

- *AnimalHumaneSociety.org/community-cats*



Emerie Zavala

I am one and I choose to make a difference in our world by helping the voiceless creatures, feral cats. I start by helping one cat at a time. How do I help a feral cat? I start off by feeding them and gaining their trust. We gently trap them, take them to a vet to get them spayed or neutered, bring them home and watch them for 24-hours, and return them back to their community. This is called T.N.R, Trap neuter return.

One cat can start having babies at four months and can have up to six litters a year. By T.N.Ring we are reducing the cat population that suffers in terrible weather conditions, being poisoned by mean humans, facing starvation, and even getting hit by cars. I want to make a difference by educating others on T.N.Ring, as an alternative to euthanasia. I will do that by helping one cat at a time with my friend Cynthia.

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Thank You



Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People

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Misión

Brindar servicios excepcionales para respaldar una vida y un lugar de alta calidad para nuestra comunidad



Visión

Desarrollar una economía regional vibrante, vecindarios seguros y hermosos y oportunidades recreativas, culturales y educativas excepcionales impulsadas por un gobierno de alto desempeño



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