

Need Help with Cats?

Do you need help trapping cats, scheduling surgery, or have questions about other issues?

Call 503-585-5900 ext. 313
or e-mail ccc@whs4pets.org



- Did you know that you can borrow a humane cat trap for free (with \$50 deposit) from the WHS Spay & Neuter Clinic?
- Spay & Neuter Surgery is FREE for stray and feral cats through the Spay-a-Stray program at Willamette Humane Society.
- If you live in the 97301 zip code, you can receive additional services such as TNR assistance and free spay or neuter surgery for stray and owned cats!

Schedule Appointments



Clinic Hours

7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Monday – Friday

- clinic@whs4pets.org
- 503-480-SPAY (7729)
- whs4pets.org/clinic

History & Mission

The Marion-Polk Community Cat Program (MPCCP) is a cooperative effort among local animal welfare organizations to more efficiently and effectively tackle the problem of 30,000 stray, feral, free-roaming, unowned and community cats in the region.



The purpose of MPCCP is to provide sterilization services to unowned cats in order to reduce cat overpopulation. (Sterilization services are defined as: Sterilization surgery, rabies vaccination, ear tip procedure and FVRCP vaccination. Other veterinary services may be provided if determined necessary by the attending veterinarian.).

In 2015, MPCCP received a generous grant from Petsmart Charities to fund free services for stray and owned cats in the 97301 zip code.



Kirsten assists community members with trap, neuter, return (TNR) services. She maintains a census of stray and feral cat colonies in the community, and recruits and trains volunteer trappers and outreach personnel.

Contact Kirsten at
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or e-mail
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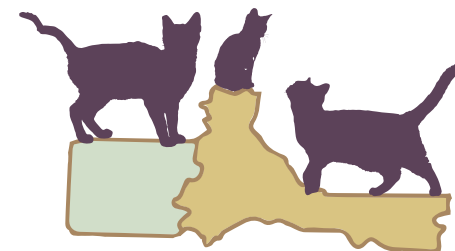


Kirsten Straus
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Help Stray Cats



“Trap, Neuter, Return!”



**Marion / Polk
Community Cat Program**

About Trap Neuter Return (TNR)



What is a stray, feral, or community cat?

They are cats or their offspring that have been lost, abandoned, or allowed to roam outdoors. They are called by many names, but they have something in common- they have no owners.

What is TNR?

Trap Neuter Return (TNR) is when a stray or feral cat living outdoors is humanely trapped, neutered or spayed, ear-tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been sterilized), vaccinated, and returned to the area where it was trapped.

TNR will stabilize the cat population because no more litters are born from the cat. These sterile cats guard the territory against new cats moving in. TNR will also reduce nuisance behaviors like yowling, fighting, and spraying.

Why not trap and remove, or trap and kill?

If stray cats are using territory, food, and other resources in an area, and then removed, other cats will move into the area to use those resources and breed, making the removal ineffective. This is called the “vacuum effect.”

Outdoor cats that are spayed or neutered serve as placeholders in the area. Their inability to reproduce breaks the breeding cycle that leads to cat overpopulation.

What should I do if...

I find a cat outdoors?

- First, check if the cat’s ear has been tipped (see diagram). If so, it has been sterilized and you can leave it there. Studies show that stray and feral cats are able to find food and survive without aid.
- If the cat’s ear has not been tipped, and it has no collar, call the number on the back of this brochure. We will provide a humane trap, instructions for TNR.

I find kittens?

- The best place for newborn kittens is with their mother, if at all possible.
- Check to see if the kittens are still warm. If so, their mother may have gone to find food or hide from you. Call the number on this brochure and arrange to borrow a trap to catch their mother. Keep the kittens with their mother and bring them all to the clinic.
- If the kittens aren’t warm, heat up a water bottle, wrap it in a towel and put it in a box with the kittens. Call the shelter at 503-585-5900 and dial 0 and arrange to bring them in as soon as possible. If you can’t come immediately, obtain Kitten Meal Replacer (KMR) from a pet supply store or the shelter and follow the directions to feed the kittens.

Cats are sleeping under my porch, shed, crawl space, etc.?

- The cats are looking for dry, warm shelter. Lure the cats out with tuna or wet cat food. Block openings with chicken wire or other material to prevent nuisance dwellings in unwelcome areas.
- Provide shelter in a small dog house in an alternative area, or research how to make feral cat shelters from large tote bins and insulation. Follow directions above to make sure they are spayed or neutered.

I smell cat urine everywhere?

- Practice TNR to have the offending cats neutered or spayed. Once they are “fixed” their urine becomes much less pungent, and they are less likely to mark their territory.

Cats are yowling, fighting, and having kittens?

- Practice TNR and sterilize the cats to reduce the hormones that cause these nuisance behaviors.

Cats are using my garden as a litter box?

- Use mulch that is less attractive to cats, such as hazelnut shells, medium or large bark chips, rock, weed cloth, or pea gravel to deter the cats.
- Install deterrents such as motion detecting sprinklers, sound or citronella emitters.
- Prepare the soil in an alternate area for the cats to use, or speak with their caretaker about creating an outdoor litter-box space in their own yard.

Find the answers to other frequently asked questions

at whs4pets.org/mpccp

Ear Tip

