



Community Cats

Community Cats are very much like wildlife: they are able to thrive on their own and don't enjoy human companionship. In fact, they do so well in most cases that they are very prolific breeders. Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is here to help keep Community Cats from continuing the breeding cycle through a proven and humane cat population control method called Trap-Neuter-Return or TNR.

Trapping cats and bringing them to HSSV to be spayed or neutered means they can no longer have kittens and nuisance behaviors such as yowling, fighting and spraying are dramatically reduced. And unlike traditional "trap and kill" practices, by returning spayed and neutered cats back to their outdoor home keeps new unaltered cats from moving in and repopulating the neighborhood.

Community cats found in Sunnyvale, by Sunnyvale residents, may be brought to HSSV if you feel this cat may have an owner somewhere. We will try our best to find that owner. If no owner is found, the cat will be altered, vaccinated, ear tipped, microchipped and released back to their originating location by HSSV staff.

If Community Cats are hanging around your house or yard, we can help with that too! We are here to offer solutions to common cat complaints or to provide advice on TNR, just give us a call at 408-262-2133 x110 for advice.

Living with Community Cats

Feral or Stray?

Is the cat lost or does he live there? Learn how to identify community cats.

Finding Kittens

Keeping cat families together is the first priority; kittens need their Mom! For orphan kitten advice, please call us at 408-262-2133 x110.

Get the facts about community cats

Discover the Truth About Feral Cats

Did you know outdoor cats have lived beside people for 10,000 years?

Feral Cats and the Environment

Learn the science behind feral cats and the ecosystem.

What is Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) and why does it work?

TNR provides a long term solution to reduce the community cat population.