Community-Based Solutions for Managing Community Cats

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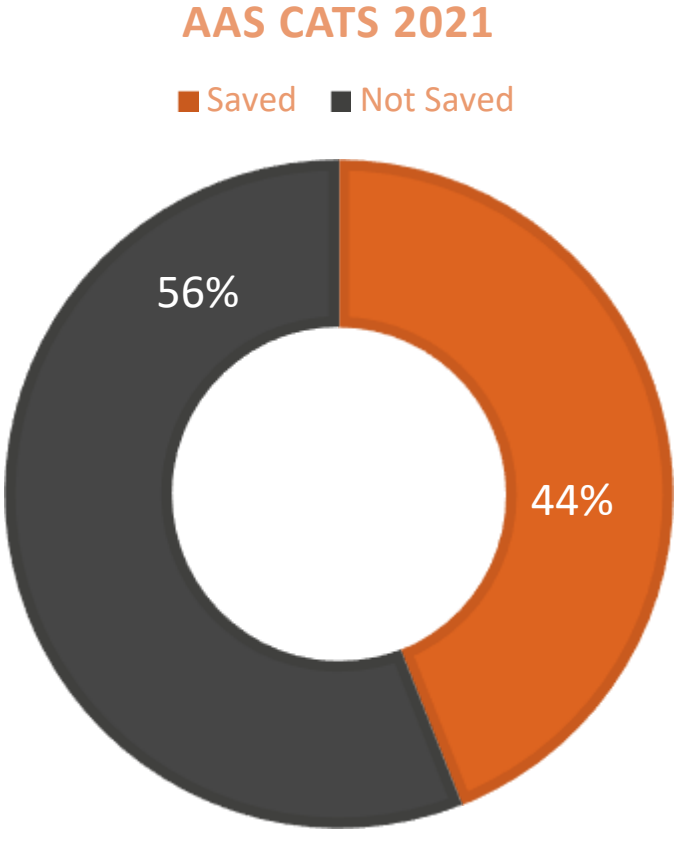
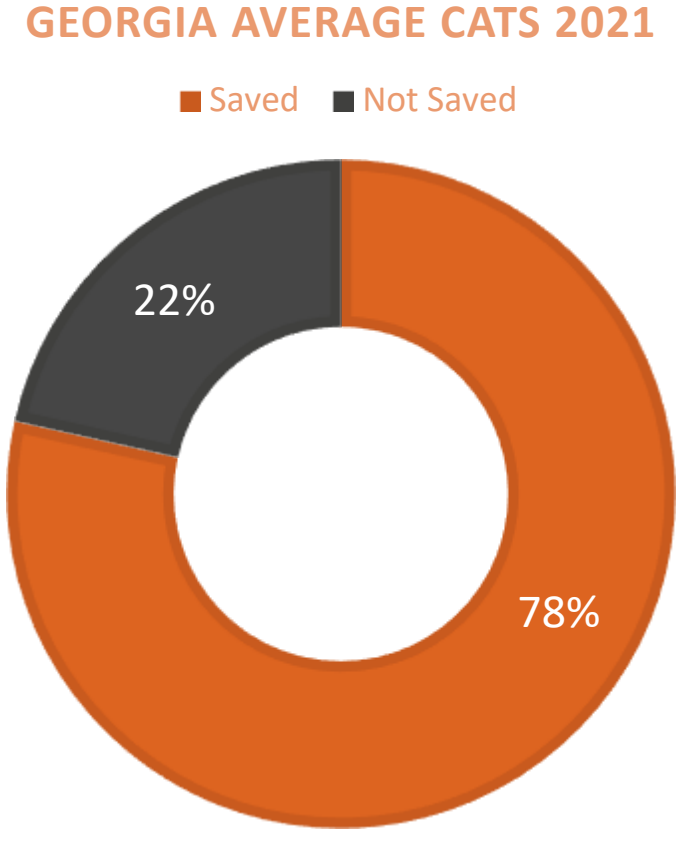
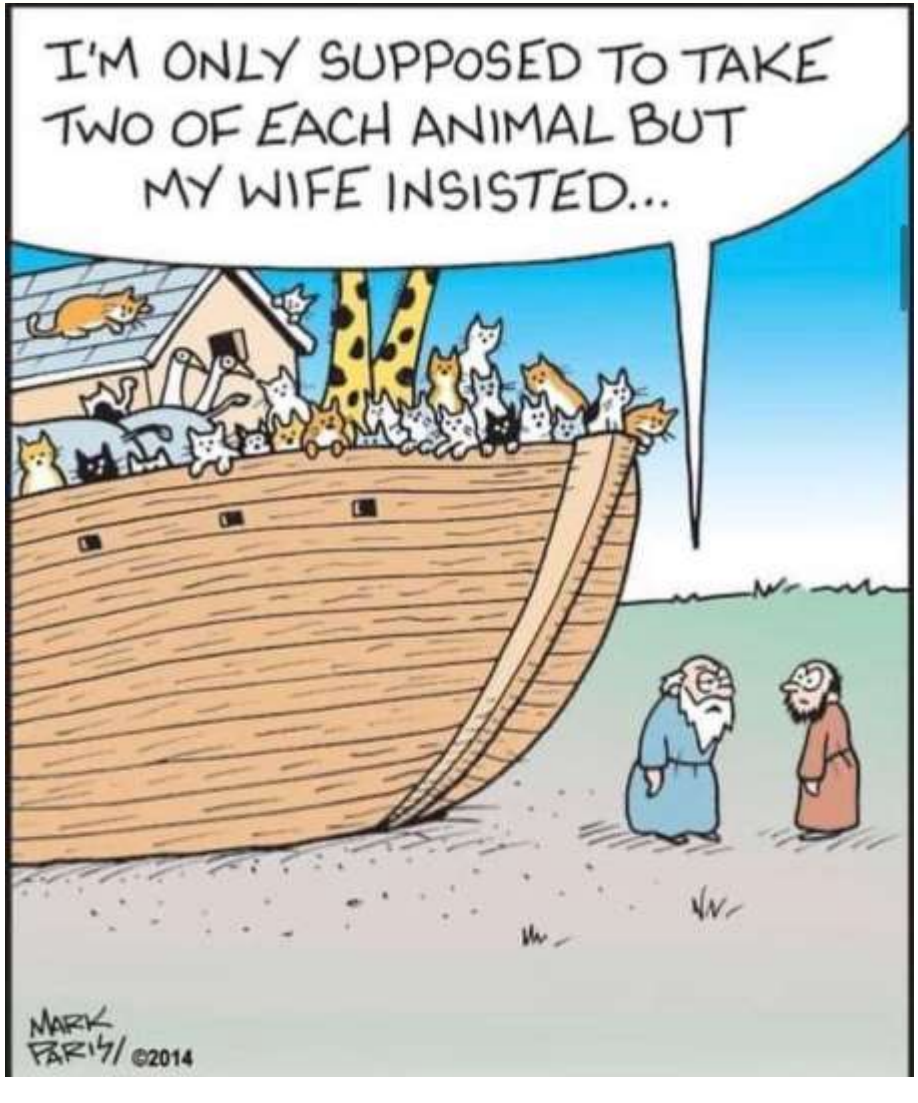




Current model



New community cat programming model

Fiscal Responsibility

*Average cost to TNVR a cat = $59.00

versus

$110 for picking up, handling, euthanizing, and disposing of an animal.

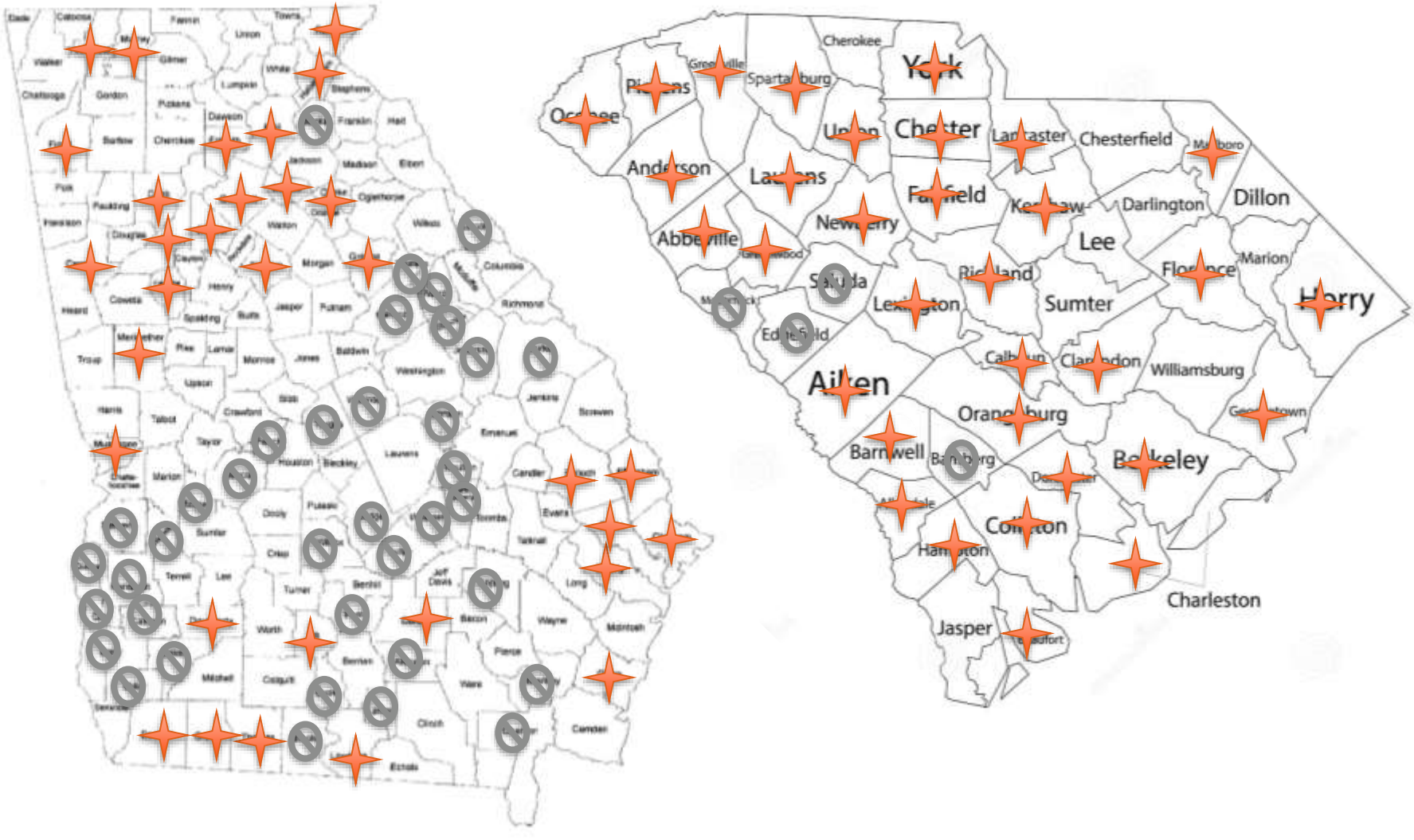
*HCAS in Tampa, FL and Alliance for Contraception in Cats & Dogs Studies

Complaint reduction data

"In pilot studies related to a long-term study of a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program in rural North Carolina, researchers documented a 36% average population reduction across six colonies of sterilized cats during the first two years. Meanwhile, the population of three unsterilized colonies (serving as “controls”) increased by an average of 47% ."

*source

Effective in other communities



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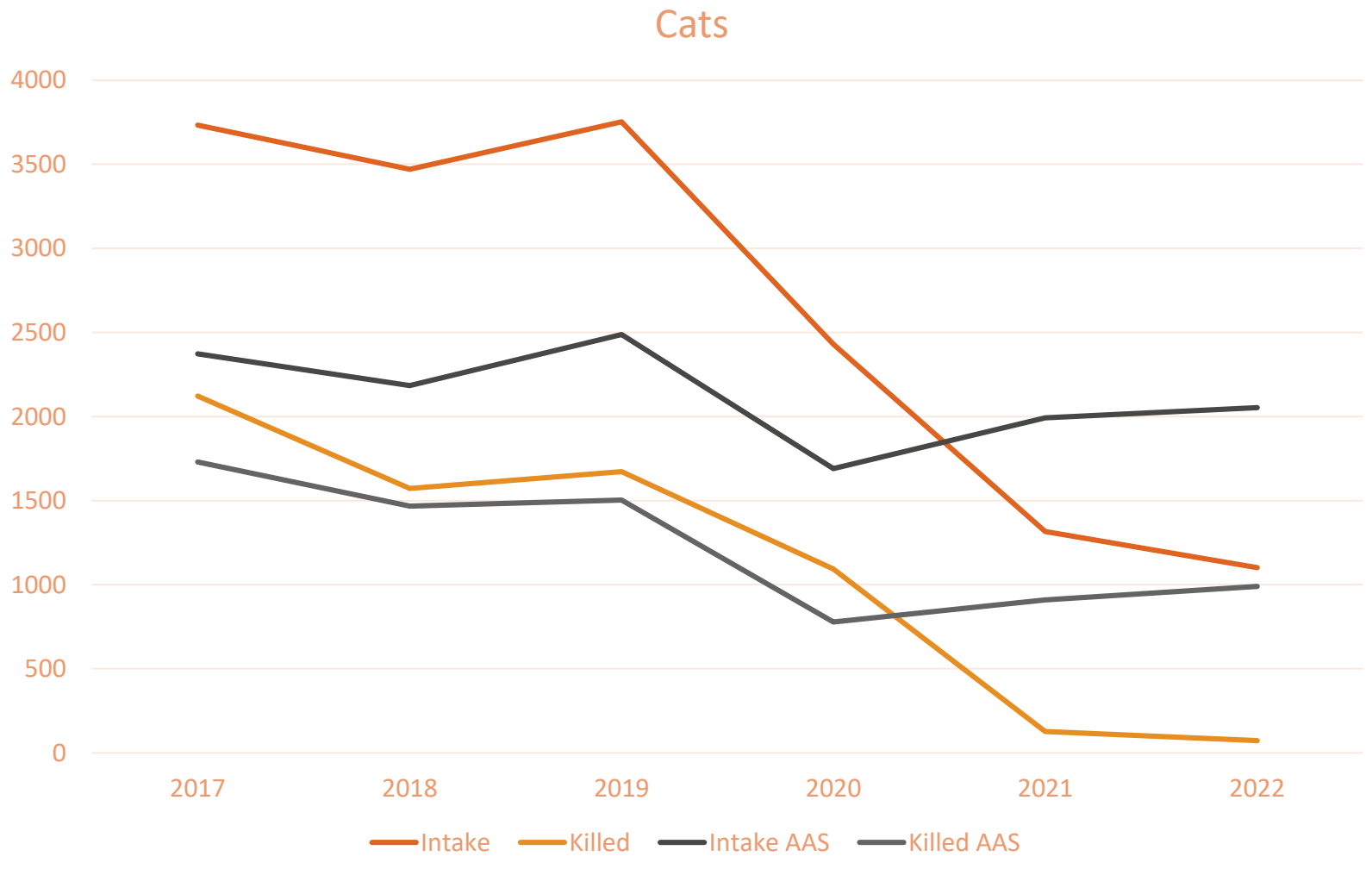

Community Support for community cat programs

- In the results of a recent survey conducted within Richmond County, **over 60% of respondents** consistently agreed that CCPs keep the community safe, saves the county money, improves the lives of the cats, and saves lives & resources at the animal shelters.
- It also showed that **73% of residents** either liked having the cats around, or at least felt indifferent to their presence.
- By far the biggest concern to residents about community cats was the overpopulation

Ordinance Opportunities

- Define Community Cats
- Exempt Community Cats from at-large and rabies tag sections
- Exempt caregivers from abandonment
- Grant ACOs ability to return animals to their homes without impounding them

Additional Resources

Alley Cat Allies: Proven Practices in Colony Care
Hyperlinked here

Frontiers In Veterinary Science Study: Free Roaming Cat Management Strategy
Hyperlinked here

The Impact of Caring and Killing on Physiological and Psychometric Measures of Stress in Animal Shelter Employees: A Pilot Study
Hyperlinked here

TNR results: Free-roaming cat numbers reduced in rural study
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