



CITY OF NEEDLES

TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN PILOT PROGRAM

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a humane method to manage stray and feral cats by trapping, neutering, and returning them to their territory.

TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN ANSWERS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

- TNR prevents reproduction, leading to a stable and eventually declining population of stray and feral cats.
- By stopping mating behaviors, TNR makes cats better neighbors, reducing fighting, yowling, and spraying.
- TNR saves cats from being euthanized in shelters.
- Cats will live in a neighborhood regardless of care; TNR provides a contact point for addressing and resolving community concerns about them.

TNR is a proven method that improves the cats' lives, reduces nuisance behaviors, enhances their health, and gradually decreases the colony size.

WHY RETURNING CATS TO THE TRAPPING LOCATION WORKS

It might sound strange, but returning cats to where they were trapped is really important because they have strong homing instincts and will try to go back if moved. Relocating them can be disorienting and dangerous for the cats. Simply removing cats doesn't work due to the scientifically-documented "vacuum effect," where other cats quickly move in to take advantage of available food and shelter, often resulting in an even larger unsterilized population.



The TNR pilot program is brought to you by the City of Needles with a grant from California For All Animals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO REQUEST TNR IN
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
CONTACT THE NEEDLES
ANIMAL SHELTER AT
(760)326-4952

CURRENT PILOT LOCATIONS

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| • Desnok Road | • Front Street |
| • D Street | • K Street |
| • B Street | • Spruce Street |
| • A Street | • Market Street |
| • Cibola Street | • Riverview Lane |
| • Valley Avenue | • California Avenue |