

Town of Oyster Bay TNR Program

What is TNR?

The acronym TNR, also known as Trap-Neuter-Return, is a method of humanely trapping feral cats, neutering them, and then returning them to the original environment they were taken from. TNR is widely seen as a more humane and more efficient alternative for animal care and control. The captured feral cats are immediately taken to a veterinary clinic where they are treated by the castration of males and spaying of females. Typical TNR programs generally include vaccinations of certain diseases such as rabies, herpes and calicivirus.

What Are The Benefits of TNR?

- It immediately stabilizes the size of the colony by eliminating the chance of new litters
- Nuisance behavior is reduced, including yowling and fighting that come with mating activity and the odor of spraying males marking their territory



- Lessens the number of kittens and cats flowing into local shelters, which results in lower euthanasia rates



- Allows cats to live out their lives while minimizing a possible negative impact on the cat population near you

Oyster Bay Animal Shelter TNR Surgical Unit

In an effort to control the population and health of feral cats within the Town of Oyster Bay, the Town recently installed its own Trap-Neuter-Return Surgical Facility at its Animal Shelter, located at 150 Miller Place in Syosset. This new structure, known as the Animal Shelter Medical Care Clinic, will also provide medical care to animals housed in the shelter.

Supervisor Venditto has said, "With Nassau County being declared a rabies county, these cats pose not only a nuisance, but a public health risk." With that being told, TNR is the most effective and humane way to deal with these types of issues.

As an added benefit, the clinic will spay and neuter dogs and cats that are available for adoption at Oyster Bay Animal Shelter, which will enable the shelter to find the animals a home much more proficiently.



Contact Information:

The Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter, which is located at 150 Miller Place, Syosset is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 677-5784 for more information, or visit the Town's Web site at www.oysterbaytown.com.

