



## Outdoor Community Cat Programs

Are you seeing out door cats in your neighborhood? We can help! Stanislaus Animal Services Agency Community Cat Program is the humane, effective way to reduce the number of cats living on our streets. Community cats are the unowned stray or feral cats who live outdoors in our neighborhoods.

Stanislaus Animal Services Agency is proud to work with citizens, volunteers, and TNR groups to help control the community cat population through spay and neuter. Cats in the Stanislaus Community Cat Program receive spay or neuter surgery, left ear tip\*, vaccines, wellness exam, and food during their stay. \*A left ear tip, indicates a cat has been spayed/neutered and vaccinated.

## Free Public Services of the Community Cat Program

- Humane trapping of stray and feral cats, followed by spaying or neutering, vaccination and return of the cats to their home area. Over time, their numbers are reduced.
- Ear-tipping of spayed or neutered cats. A painless procedure, an ear-tip is the universal symbol of a spayed or neutered outdoor cat.

## Benefits of Spaying/Neutering

- Prevents unwanted litters.
- Saves taxpayer dollars by keeping cats out of municipal shelters
- Decreases the number of cats needlessly dying in shelters.
- Helps improved the health of outdoor cats.
- Reduces nuisance behaviors like spraying, Fighting, howling and roaming.

Tell us about stray cats in your neighborhood! **Call/text 209-501-3005** or email **[communitycats@stancounty.com](mailto:communitycats@stancounty.com)**

## **Solutions to cat-related issues**

### **The value of TNR**

Whether you love or loathe community cats, trap/neuter/return (TNR) is the most effective and humane way to effectively reduce the number of community cats and also reduce nuisance behaviors. Male cats are no longer competing for fighting with each other, spraying urine or roaming blocks away from their neighborhood. Females no longer yowl to seek a mate and no longer have kittens, of course. These behaviors are typically reduced **immediately** and eliminated completely only a month after the surgery. Additionally, TNR provides vaccines, so the cats are healthier and do not pose a threat to public health.

### **Need trapping assistance?**

**Did you know** that Best Friends offers loans of humane cat traps? These are used to safely trap stray and feral cats that are in need of spay or neuter services. We provide traps, and instructions on how to operate the traps. **Please call 209-501-3005 or email [communitycats@stancounty.com](mailto:communitycats@stancounty.com)** to get started with trap loans or voucher program.

### **Humane deterrents**

**ScareCrow:** This motion-activated sprinkler has an infrared sensor that releases a three-second blast of water. The sprinkler “fires” 1,000 times on one nine-volt battery and covers an area 45 by 35 feet long. It’s available at [contech-inc.com](http://contech-inc.com).

**CatStop:** This motion-activated, ultrasonic alarm emits a high-pitched sound that repels cats, but can’t be heard by humans. A nine-volt battery can operate up to nine months, depending on usage. It’s available at [contech-inc.com](http://contech-inc.com).

**Contact 209-404-6676 or email [communitycats@stancounty.com](mailto:communitycats@stancounty.com) to get deterrents.**