

WHY IT WORKS

In the past, people often dealt with cat overpopulation by killing. This is cruel, and punishes the victims for the negligence of humans. As well, it simply doesn't work. Cat overpopulation still exists.

Nowadays, many countries around the world are introducing their own TNR programmes, which are proving to be both humane and effective. Where sustained, coordinated TNR efforts are coupled with public education, the numbers of stray and feral cats are declining, and those who exist are living in healthier, safer conditions.

Other benefits include:

🐾 Improving the overall health of cats:

Spaying and neutering provides many health benefits to cats, reducing the risk of certain cancers, and relieving the physical stress of repeated heats, fights, and pregnancies.

🐾 Reducing the spread of disease:

Medical care helps to maintain a healthy colony, which in turn helps prevent the spread of diseases to other animals.

🐾 Reducing behaviour that some humans find troublesome:

Neutered cats do not spray, and are less likely to fight, wander or yowl.

Cats who are provided with shelter, regular food, water and care are less likely to forage in garbage cans, dumpsters, or other areas frequented by humans.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help the cats:

If you know of any stray, feral or barn cats who need our help, contact us:

For Prince County:

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836-3905

For Queens and Kings County:

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Help us:

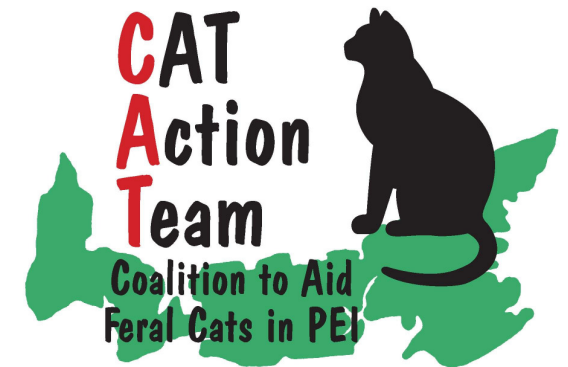
You can:

- 🐾 Become a member
- 🐾 Volunteer
- 🐾 Make a financial donation (tax deductible receipts will be provided for donations over \$10.00)
- 🐾 Give supplies needed to build outdoor shelters for homeless cats
- 🐾 Donate food to help feed homeless cats
- 🐾 Provide a site for a new colony shelter
- 🐾 Provide ongoing care for one of our colonies

To help, please call any of the above numbers, or visit our website.

Help everyone:

**Always spay and neuter
your pets**



The Cat Action Team of P.E.I. (CAT) is a non-profit, registered charitable organization working to promote and sustain a humane, non-lethal method of controlling and stabilizing the feral, stray and barn cat population of P.E.I.

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THE PROBLEM

The problem is simple: there are too many cats, and not enough homes. The reason for this is also simple: **human irresponsibility**. Too many people do not take proper care of their cats. Humans have domesticated cats, and have a responsibility to provide them with good care. When that doesn't happen, the results can be tragic.

Proper care means taking the responsibility seriously. Too many people get a pet before understanding that it is a fulltime **commitment**. Often they end up seeing their pet as "inconvenient" and are not willing to provide them with the care they need. When this happens to a cat, the cat often ends up abandoned on the street, or worse.

Proper pet care also includes **spaying** and **neutering**. When people do not get their cats spayed or neutered, they often end up with more kittens than they can take care of. These kittens can end up being given away or sold, taking homes away from cats who already exist. Or they end up being surrendered to the Humane Society, which is already overburdened with abandoned animals. Often they are just dumped at the side of the road or on someone else's property, where they stand little chance of survival.

Abandoned cats who do manage to survive become **stray** cats. When these abandoned cats are not neutered, they begin producing kittens. These offspring will probably have no human contact. When cats are born into this wild state, they are **feral**.

It is impossible to count how many feral cats currently exist in P.E.I. because they avoid human contact. Just because you don't see them doesn't mean they aren't there.



THE SOLUTION

The easiest solution is for people to provide their pets with a safe lifetime home, and to neuter them. Sadly, that doesn't always happen. That's where the Cat Action Team comes in. We provide what is known as a Trap-Neuter-Release programme (TNR).

What we do:

Stray and feral cats often form colonies. Once we identify a cat or colony in need, CAT provides assistance with the following:

- 🐾 **Humanely trap:**
Cats are trapped using humane traps, and are housed overnight before receiving medical treatment at a veterinary clinic.
- 🐾 **Provide medical care:**
Cats are examined by a veterinarian for Feline Immunodeficiency (FIV) and Feline Leukemia (FeLV). They are vaccinated, treated for parasites, spayed or neutered, and tattooed for easy recognition.
- 🐾 **Return cats to their location:**
Although CAT does not operate an adoption programme, it may be possible to place stray cats and kittens into permanent homes. Feral cats do not seek human contact, and cannot be adopted as pets. Their best chance is to be returned to their colony, and monitored on a regular basis by a colony caregiver.
- 🐾 **Provide ongoing care:**
Colony caregivers provide regular food and water, maintain the colony's shelter, arrange for veterinary assistance when required, and observe the colony for evidence of disease, newcomers, etc.