



# THE FACTS ABOUT COMMUNITY CATS

Community Cats are cats that live our community. They do not have an owner, but that does not mean they don't have a home.

"Community cat" is a term that describes any unowned cat that is outdoor and free-roaming. These cats may be routinely fed by one or more community members or they are surviving on their own, and may be feral or friendly.

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## WHAT IS TNR?

As of 2018, WVHS no longer participates in the "catch and kill" method of controlling cat colony populations. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a method of humanely trapping community cats, bringing them to the shelter to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, ear-tipped, and returned to their outdoor homes.



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## HOW TO HELP COMMUNITY CATS

Apply to be a colony manager! A colony manager is an individual or group of individuals who care for a community cat colony. Responsibilities of a colony manager may include providing food, water, shelter, and spaying/neutering through TNR. WVHS is actively assisting individuals and groups working on TNR programs.

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## HOW TO DETER THEM?

Remove all potential food sources from your property, limit availability of water, and remove or secure potential shelter areas. Other tactics include placing chicken wire or plastic carpet runner, spikes up, under flower bed mulch to make scratching uncomfortable. Sprinkling coffee grounds or citrus peels or citrus spray on gardens and shrubs may help, as well!



For more information on how to become a colony manager or TNR, please contact us!  
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