

TNR Reality Check

The Real Deal

Trap-Neuter-Release is NOT an effective or humane solution for feral cats.

- 1. TNR has *not* been proven to reduce the number of feral cats and to eliminate colonies through natural attrition. TNR is based on perpetual colony maintenance. Colonies tend to grow in size because TNR is practiced in an open system.**
- 2. Domestic companion animals do not belong outside. Cats living and dying in colonies is inhumane. Releasing (re-abandoning) these animals is not an act of compassion.**
- 3. Any free-roaming cat can significantly affect wildlife mortality. Well-fed (and even declawed) cats are prolific hunters of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Native wildlife is further strained by the presence of free-roaming cats. Cat-injured wildlife usually does not survive regardless of administered treatment.**
- 4. Free-roaming cats pose a serious public health risk. The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians has stated that there is no evidence that colony management programs will reduce diseases.**
- 5. Any free-roaming cat can be a nuisance. Altered or not they can still kill wildlife in your backyard, defecate in gardens and sandboxes, and damage property.**

Not fair to wildlife. Not fair to the environment. And not fair to the cats who succumb to harsh weather extremes, abuse, wild animals, disease or cars—like this one off a highway in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. This is the reality of life and death on the streets. Do you really consider this to be humane?

