



Community Cats Maryland, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing resource and information support to Baltimore City residents caring for outdoor cats.

Feral cats are the offspring of lost and abandoned pet cats, but have never been pets themselves and are not able to be adopted into homes. They gather in "colonies" around a food source, and without intervention, they reproduce and their populations grow rapidly.

We support the practice of trap-neuter-return (TNR): using humane traps to catch the cats, getting them spayed or neutered and vaccinated at special veterinary clinics for feral cats, and then returning them to their home colonies once they've recovered.

Cats that have been TNR'd are healthier, cause fewer problems for their human neighbors, and can live happy lives outdoors under the watchful eyes of their caretakers.



Baltimore City regulations for feral cat caretakers

New city ordinances specifically recognize that it is legal to feed and care for feral cats, as long as these requirements are met:

- Caretakers ensure that all cats are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, and ear-tipped.
- Food and water are provided and shelter is offered.
- Reasonable efforts are made to prevent cats from bothering human neighbors.
- Records are kept for all cats in the colony, including rabies certificates.
- A substitute caretaker is in place if the original caregiver is away or moves.

It is **against the law in Maryland** to kill a cat by any means other than humane euthanasia (performed by a veterinarian).

Shooting, poisoning, drowning, etc., are all considered animal abuse — a felony offense punishable by a maximum of three years in prison.

Got cats ?

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Dedicated to helping individuals and neighborhoods implement feral cat trap-neuter-return programs.

We can help!

Where did these cats come from? Why are they here? Can they be adopted or moved somewhere else?

For decades, municipalities and neighborhoods have wrestled with feral cat problems, and found little success. Today, all over the country, more and more cities and towns are adopting a new way of managing feral cat issues that is both more humane and more effective—the practice of trap-neuter-return (TNR). TNR is the only method that provides a long-term solution to feral cat problems. CCMD is dedicated to helping Baltimore City residents who want to control feral cat populations in their neighborhoods through these humane methods.

Education

We offer a free educational workshop at BARCS, the city animal shelter, on the third Thursday of every month, where you can learn about feral cats and how to manage them. Our goal is to show city residents how to manage cats themselves (with our help), but we are sometimes able to provide volunteers to assist with trapping, transportation to/from clinics, and other aspects of management. Call or visit our website for information on upcoming workshops.

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

CCMD organizes monthly TNR clinics especially for feral cats. Cats are delivered to the clinic in humane traps and are sedated so they can be safely handled and examined by volunteer veterinarians. The cost is \$20 per cat and includes the following services:

- Spay or neuter
- Rabies and distemper vaccinations
- Ear cleaning and administration of flea preventative
- Ear-tipping (surgically clipping the tip of the left ear to identify the cat as having been spayed or neutered), which is required by Baltimore's TNR law
- Other basic medical treatment (i.e., wound cleaning, antibiotics)

Information on deterrents

Part of feral cat management is keeping cats away from areas where they're not wanted. We can provide information on how to deter cats from gardens and the other areas, using safe, humane, and non-toxic methods.

Please visit our website, www.communitycatsmd.org, for more information on feral cat management and how we may be able to help you.

CCMD is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donations are gratefully accepted.

