

## Mission

To reduce the overpopulation of outside cats in the San Antonio area through rescue and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). Community outreach educates the public about stray and feral cats and the need to spay/neuter pets. Support services assist colony caretakers as resources allow. Advocacy works to protect cats from cruelty and help colony feeders with legally-based solutions.

## TNR is Endorsed by the City

The City of San Antonio supports TNR as the recognized solution to successful management of outdoor cat populations.

By Chapter 5 of the City Municipal Code, spayed or neutered cats are legal to free-roam in San Antonio.

Let SAFCC help you get the outside cats on your properties fixed before they become a nuisance!

## How SAFCC is Funded

We do not get any funding from the city. Our programs are funded through donations, grants and fundraisers. Donations are tax deductible.

## Want to Help?

We are an all-volunteer organization and are always looking for new volunteers who would like to help their community become a safer and more humane environment for cats.

## San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition

**A 501(c)3 all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to humanely reducing the feral and stray cat population through Trap-Neuter-Return.**



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# San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition

A Community Cat Resource

**FOR APARTMENTS**



**Are outdoor cats a concern? We can help!**

***TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN:***  
**The only effective solution to manage the feral and stray cat population.**

## Why so many outdoor cats?

- Warm climate allows for year-round breeding.
- San Antonio has a high abandonment rate.
- People do not fix their pets.

## Why so many at apartments?

- Pets are not spayed or neutered.
- Tenants move away and leave their pets behind.
- Pools provide a water source.

## Community Cats

Cats who make their homes outdoors are called community cats or free-roaming cats. A group of community cats is known as a colony. These unowned cats may be ferals (cats who avoid people) or strays (pets who have been abandoned or lost and allow contact). The longer a stray remains outside without contact, the wilder they can become.

## What Not to do

- Feeding bans do not work.
- Eviction threats do not work.
- Hiring pest control to trap and dump just opens up their “territory” for new cats to move into the vacated area.
- Poisoning is cruel and against the law, and kills pets by accident.

## What to do

Because there is no way to get rid of the estimated 200,000 plus free-roaming cats in San Antonio, it becomes a situation to manage. TNR is the most economical way to manage multi-family properties.

## Trap-Neuter-Return

TNR, or Trap-Neuter-Return, is the most effective and humane method of controlling outside cat populations.

With TNR, cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated against rabies and ear-tipped for identification.

After recovery, the cats are returned to where they were trapped, where they may keep unsterilized cats from coming into their territory to reproduce.

Nuisance complaints from the fighting and yowling stop. Cats will still spray to mark their territory but the smell is greatly diminished after neuter.

Most importantly, the breeding stops.

The goal is kitten-free complexes, not necessarily cat-free complexes. Families will no longer see kittens run over in the parking lot. Numbers will stabilize and start to decline.

Cats in a managed colony will be healthy while providing free rodent and insect control for the property.

## How SAFCC Can Help

- Free training on how to safely trap cats – only 90 minutes.
- Once trained, free loan of traps, with refundable deposit.
- Access to low cost spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations.
- Trapper Team who can possibly assist with trapping and recovery efforts.
- Volunteers who can work with residents on proper feeding protocols to keep wildlife and other cats from entering the property.

## Steps to Implementation

We have worked with many apartment complexes, mobile home communities, businesses, and neighborhoods to implement TNR resulting in successful control of cat numbers in their areas.

### Communicate with residents

Explain TNR project and timing. Give information session, offer spay/neuter.

### Establish sanctioned feeding station

Allocate space for trained volunteers to provide daily food and fresh water.

### Build outdoor litter box

Place mulch in an out-of-the-way spot. Keep clean and free of deposits.

### Trapping

Conduct scheduled days of trapping, surgery, and recovery.