### **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.

### **Volunteers**

We are a volunteer organization and need your help to continue our current programs and mission.

Some of our volunteer needs are listed below with more on our website.

- Helpline (returning phone calls)
- Trapping
- Fostering
- Education / Advocacy
- Presentations / Public Events
- Petco/PetSmart Cleaners
- Colony feeders

Please complete a volunteer form on our website to learn more.

### **Donations**

Our programs are funded primarily through donations. Your donation is tax deductible. Online donations can be made through our website or checks can be mailed to the address on the front of this brochure.

Tax ID number: 76-0766948

## **Spay/Neuter Clinics**

**Animal Defense League** 

11300 Nacogdoches Road San Antonio TX 78217 210-655-1481 adltexas.org

San Antonio Humane Society

4804 Fredericksburg Road San Antonio TX 78229 210-226-7461 sahumane.org

**Spay Neuter Network** 

210 Tuleta Dr. #3 San Antonio TX 78212 972-472-3500 spayneuternet.org

**Hill Country Animal League** 

924 N. Main Boerne TX 78006 830-249-2341 hcaltx.org

#### **SNAP**

6758 Ingram Road San Antonio TX 78238 210-673-7722 snapus.org

**SNIPSA** 

4218 McCullough Ave. San Antonio TX 78212 210-237-9400 snipsa.org

**ACS Community Cat Program** 

4710 State Highway 151 San Antonio TX 78227 210-207-6696 acsccp@sanantonio.gov

# San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition



SAFCC is a volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to humanely reducing the feral and stray cat population through rescue and Trap-Neuter-Return.

Website:sanantonioferalcats.org Helpline: 210-877-9067

Email: info@sanantonioferalcats.org

Facebook: facebook.com/safcc Instagram: Instagram@saferalcats

Mailing address: PO Box 692308 San Antonio TX 78269-2308

## **Feral Vs Stray Cats**

Feral cats are un-socialized cats that are afraid of people and keep their distance. They do not want to be pets and prefer to live outside, which is their home.

Stray cats were former pets and may seek human attention. The longer they stay outside, the more feral they become.

Colonies form around a food or water source and can include both feral and stray cats. Survival is difficult as they fight over food, territory and mates. Many feral colonies originated from unneutered stray cats.

## **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.

After TNR, the mating behaviors of fighting and yowling stop. Cats will still spray to mark their territory but the smell is greatly diminished. Sterilized and vaccinated cats will keep unsterilized cats out of their territory and with no kittens born, the numbers stabilize and start to decrease.

Cats in a managed colony can live safe and healthy lives, while providing free rodent control for their caretakers.

### **TNR in San Antonio**

San Antonio has a very large outside cat population. Our warm climate allows cats to reproduce year-round. Pets that are not fixed get out and get pregnant. We also have a high abandonment rate where people move away and leave their pets behind.

Our city officials recognize and support TNR as the solution to overpopulation and we invite the citizens of San Antonio to do the same. Spayed or neutered outside cats are legal in San Antonio. Let us help you get the cats you see in your neighborhoods and apartment complexes fixed before they become a nuisance. Call us today!

Helpline: 210-877-9067

Free training classes are offered in-person and online through our website. Registration is not required.



sanantonioferalcats.org

## **Our Programs**

TNR Classes - Our 65-minute online training class will prepare you to trap cats safely, give low cost spay/neuter options, and explain how and why TNR works.

<u>Trap Loans</u> - Traps are loaned free of charge, with a refundable deposit. Class attendance is a prerequisite.

Helpline - Leave a message on our Helpline and a volunteer will call you back within 24 hours. We provide education and resources. We do not remove cats but can discuss options for your cat situation.

<u>Spay/Neuter Subsidy</u> – We subsidize the cost to fix and vaccinate feral and stray cats, to make TNR affordable for the public. Our subsidized clinics are listed on our website. TNR Class attendance is required to be eligible for this low-cost service.

Adoptions – Our home-based foster program takes in rescued kittens and friendly strays, as our resources allow. Check our website for photos and a list of our Petco and PetSmart stores.

<u>Cat Crisis Fund</u> – We can coordinate care and help with the cost for urgent medical or surgical care, as our resources allow.

<u>Trapper Team</u> - For those who are unable to trap due to age or disability, we have volunteers who may be able to help. This is not a free service.