



# CATS ANONYMOUS

Humanly reducing the feral cat population through TNVR

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## WHO WE ARE

Cats Anonymous, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to better the lives and reduce the number of semi-feral and feral cats in NE Wisconsin. To accomplish this goal, we promote, educate and advocate the non-lethal reduction of the feral cat population utilizing the Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) method in a safe and humane manner.

## TNVR Clinics

- Monthly Saturday “Spay Days” at Cats Anonymous, typically targeting 70-100 cats
- Some Tuesday “Spay Days” at Cats Anonymous, typically targeting 50 cats
- Prepaid TNVR Vouchers offer caretakers another option that might be closer, on days that are a better fit, or just work out better when only 1-3 cats are left to fix.



## VOUCHER PROGRAM

If volunteering at our Saturday TNVR clinics isn't a good fit for you, or if you want another way to help - please consider our voucher program. Offer TNVR in the comfort of your own clinic, while letting Cats Anonymous take care of most of the client communication.

- You choose a volume and schedule that best fits your availability.
- Colony caretakers purchase a voucher from our office.
- Caretakers contact you to schedule surgery on the dates/times you make available.
- Your clinic performs the TNVR (details on what is included on page 2), collects the voucher as payment.
- **Send redeemed vouchers and a few surgery details to our office, and your clinic is reimbursed \$100 per voucher.**



## WHY CLINICS LIKE IT

Some of the reasons past participating clinics like our voucher program include:

- Something different and rewarding for staff
- An easy way to tell that regular client with the never-ending stream of kittens to work with an organized TNVR program, but still connect back with you
- Enjoy a surgery day! Keep the skills sharp and take a break from the typical day
- Connect with potential new clients
- Quickly “fill in” gaps in surgery schedules with as few or as many TNVR appointments as you want to make available

# VOUCHER PROGRAM DETAILS



## Start to Finish

- An individual registers with us as a Colony Caretaker.
- We ensure that the cats are eligible for the program.
- Caretakers who choose to purchase vouchers receive a detailed letter explaining the TNVR process, protocols they must follow and a list of participating veterinary clinics.
- Once caretakers receive their vouchers, they are responsible for contacting you to schedule appointments **based on your availability.**
  - Please know that, despite everyone's best efforts sometimes feral cats just don't cooperate and caretakers have trapping failures.
- **For everyone's safety, cats are required to arrive in a live trap.**
  - If a cat does not, you are able to decline services to that caretaker.
  - We have live-trap dividers we can provide for your clinic to safely give injectable sedation.
- The day of the appointment, caretakers must provide you with a pre-paid voucher, and fill out our consent form that is provided to your clinic from us.
  - They are responsible for covering any extra services that are not included in our TNVR protocol.
- Your clinic completes the TNVR services outlined in our surgery protocol.
- Once the cat is safely out of anesthesia and recovered, caretakers contacted to pick up.
- At pick up, caretakers are provided with a rabies certificate and aftercare instructions.
- Email or mail the voucher and signed consent form to our office and Cats Anonymous will reimburse your clinic \$100 per redeemed voucher.
- Cats Anonymous will follow-up with caretakers once their voucher is redeemed.

## TNVR Surgery Protocol Basics

- FVRCP vaccination
- Rabies vaccination
- Ivermectin
- Penicillin (if desired)
- Spay/Neuter
- Ear tip (**required**)
  - Ear tipping involves removing the top 1/4 inch of the left ear by clamping a straight hemostat, cutting above it with a blade, and cauterizing with a silver nitrate stick.
  - It is the universal sign of an altered feral cat.
- Tattoo
  - A green line placed on the abdomen to help indicate this cat has been sterilized.
- Pregnant or dehydrated cats are given SQ fluids.

We recommend TTDex and an NSAID for anesthesia and pain control, but you are encouraged to use an anesthetic protocol you're comfortable using.

Does your clinic already stock all supplies detailed above, or would you like to work with Cats Anonymous to get the best possible prices on items you would maybe only use for the TNR program?

Cats Anonymous will still do everything we can to screen TNVR clients, answer their questions on trapping and long-term care, lend the traps, and do the follow-up to ensure colonies are fully sterilized to stabilize and eventually reduce the populations.

We do **NOT TNVR** pet cats or cats intended to be sold/given away as pets, except for kittens removed from a colony being actively managed through our program to reduce colony size.

Want to talk TNVR with a fellow DVM? Cats Anonymous was founded with the help of two vets always happy to talk shop. And of course, you're always welcome to join us at a Saturday spay day to chat with others and see the process in action!