

## Why Should I care?

Local government has no resources to deal with this problem. The economy is creating more and more abandoned animals, and we can't sit back and wait for government, or anyone else to fix this, or any of our problems.

If we don't deal NOW, it will only get worse.

The ecology problems will increase.

The public health issues will get worse.

More unnecessary killing will happen placing a

moral and ethical burden on us, and our society.

Cats are suffering and born into disease, starvation and suffering, and it's up to us to do what we can!



## What can I do?

If you are feeding a colony, TNR your cats.

Email [cats@mishafarms.us](mailto:cats@mishafarms.us) or call 824-9100 to get in "que" for low-cost Spay/Neuter or volunteer.

Ask the shelter to not adopt out un-altered pets.

Ask the sheriff to enforce abandonment laws.

Make a tax-deductible donation to help the cats!

**Second Chance Friends of Felines**

4312 Rawson Road, Corning, CA 96021 OR

via paypal at [www.second-chance-pets.org](http://www.second-chance-pets.org)

-please be sure to make a note "for the felines"

*" The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated."*

*-Ghandi*

**THANK YOU  
TO ALL OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS!!!**

**Dr. Serge Dana/Walker St Clinic**

(530) 865-3630

<http://walkerstreetvet.com/>

**Valley Vet (530) 527-5259**

<http://www.valleyvetredbluff.evetsites.net/>

**Dr. Carlson/Lassen Mobile Clinic**

(530) 527-9436

**Debbie Boban Home Mortgage Consultant**

[debbie.boban@wellsfargo.com](mailto:debbie.boban@wellsfargo.com)

(877) 829-6848

**Tehama County**

<http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/>

**Auntie Eva May Remembrance**

**Rex and Family**

**Misha Farms [www.mishafarms.us](http://www.mishafarms.us)**

**And other good people like you!!!**



**For TNR & lo-cost CAT Spay/Neuter**

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**[cats@mishafarms.us](mailto:cats@mishafarms.us) (530) 824-9100**

*Please contact other resources for adoption, foster and food assistance. At the moment, Feline TNR*

*& Spay/Neuter is our main mission.*

**THANK YOU FOR CARING !!!**

# CATastrophe?????



## What can WE do?

**Friends of Felines** is a grassroots alliance of individuals sharing resources and working together to compassionately serve the feline population of Northern California through Education, TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return,) and sponsorship of low-cost spay/neuter, when funds are available.

Under the conservatorship of Second Chance Pet Rescue, all tax deductible donations go directly to spay/neuter, and a rabies vaccine for each cat that is brought in to be altered. Trapping, transportation, caretaker support, data gathering, educational presentation, and some vet tech labor is donated in kind from concerned community members and colony caretakers, as well as some local veterinarians giving price breaks.

While there is no official "count" it is estimated that there are thousands to tens of thousands of feral and abandoned cats county wide. These cats face an average lifespan of two years that often comes with disease, complications and wear from numerous pregnancies, infections/death from fight wounds in un-altered males, and death from natural predators, which sadly include humans. Countywide, where it is a 3-12 week wait for shelter space for ONE cat, poisoning, shooting and drowning of live cats is routine.

Donations are tax de-ductible, greatly appreciated and will be guaranteed to be used for Spay/Neuter, which will help the ecology, alleviate some animal AND people health issues, and much suffering of these forsaken felines.

Contact Sharon at (530) 824-9100 or email [cats@mishafarms.us](mailto:cats@mishafarms.us) to volunteer, letter writing, phone calls, fundraising, etc, to report a colony, find out more about TNR, to borrow a humane trap or to register for low-cost spay neuter.

The more we do now the less problems we will have in the future. **That's a fact!!!**

**Trap/Neuter-spay/Return (TNR)** is undoubtedly the most effective, most safe, and most compassionate solution to the feral and abandoned cat problems. It is a humane process of catching, "fixing" and returning the cats to their "territory. TNR can stabilize, and eventually reduce cat populations. The 4 steps of TNR are Feed, Fast, Fix, & Friend.

**FEED** The TNR process starts with the trapper or colony caretaker placing a few layers of newspaper on the floor and cat food inside the humane trap. The trap should be zip-tied or blocked somehow so that the spring door does not close and the cat can freely go in and out. The food is first placed in the front of the trap, and over time pushed to the back where it needs to be when the trap is set. Eventually, when the cat seems comfortable going fully into the trap, plans are made for "fixing" also known as "altering" or Spay/Neuter, safe and relatively painless surgeries that make it so the cats will no longer re-produce.

**FAST** Depending on how skinny or fat the cat's are, and how much other food is available, the cats are not fed for 1-3 days. Cats can live for 17 days without food, so one or two days without food is no hardship compared to the reduced quality and quantity of life that an "un-altered" cat faces.



**Friends of Felines - Second Chance Pet Rescue**  
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**FIX** After the "fast", the trap is "baited" with some yummy, higher than normal value food, like canned cat food, or tuna fish. The "spring" is set. Once trapped, the cat is kept in a safe and shaded place until it is transported to the doctor/clinic to be altered.

**FRIEND** Usually the same day of surgery, the cat is ready to go home. Regardless of if the trapper will be a feeder/caretaker or if the cats will just be returned, it's best to keep the cats, especially the females inside or in a kitty condo for a day or two if possible, so they have a safe and quiet place to recover a bit.



### **Feral Cat Socialization**

To "socialize" an animal means to teach it to be "friendly" to people. This makes the animal more manageable to care for and more adoptable, a plus if the cat ends up in the shelter where cats labeled as "feral" are routinely killed.

The younger an animal is, the easier it is for it to be socialized. After 8 weeks old, the socialization "window" starts to close and the difficulty of success increases as the cat ages. It is possible to take kittens as young as 5 weeks to wean and socialize, and in cases of bottle-fed, motherless kittens, even younger.

Taken kittens can be kept in a small safe room or kitty condo and all food experiences are tied to human contact. Outside cats and kittens can be "lured" closer and closer by tossing food to them or just patiently hanging out and waiting to get a little closer and closer. The ultimate goal being the cat being comfortable with handling and sitting/eating on a person's lap, achieved by the cat's learning that the food will only come if they are "friendly."

More ambitious caretakers can learn on-line or from books about how to "clicker-train," and fun cat tricks they can do with food.