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Introduction to Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)

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Overview

- Cat overpopulation
- What is TNR?
- Why TNR?
- Advantages to TNR
- City Program
- What can AWAC do?

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Cat Overpopulation

- Cat overpopulation is a challenge in communities across Canada
- Over 20 000 cats were euthanized in shelters in 2016
- Over 90% of owned cats are spayed or neutered

ONE UNSPAYED CAT  HAS 4 KITTENS

5 MONTHS LATER

12 MONTHS LATER

17 MONTHS LATER

SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR CATS BEFORE THEY REACH 5 MONTHS OF AGE!

Learn more at: spayneuter.ca

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What is TNR?

- Best humane solution to overpopulation
- Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Ear Tip-Return
- City of London program since 2008

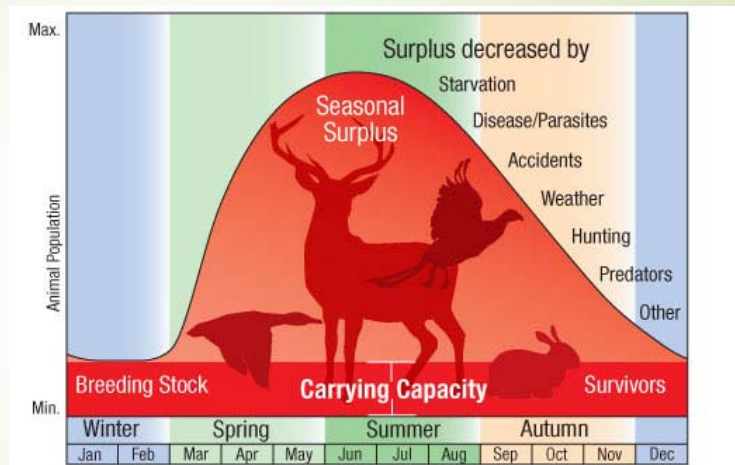


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Why TNR?

Options:

- Trap - Euthanize
- Trap - Adopt/Sanctuary
- Poison, culling, etc.



Advantages to TNR



Reduction of free-roaming cat population



Lower intake and euthanasia rates



Fewer nuisance complaints



Rabies control

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City TNR Dropoff Program

- ▶ March 2020
- ▶ 6 TNR cats, once or twice a week
- ▶ Surgery and Rabies vaccine, ear tip



What can AWAC do?

- ▶ Spread word about City Program
- ▶ Support TNR
 - ▶ Advocate
- ▶ Community involvement
 - ▶ Colony management
 - ▶ Winter shelters



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Resources



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