

Life outdoors is
NEVER in the best
interest of the cat...



Ear-tipped feral at a
'managed' colony in
Philadelphia, PA

Protect Public Health.

Preserve Native Wildlife.

Provide Humane Outcomes.

TAP into our knowledge. TAP
into our resources! TAP into
the only solution that is
*environmentally responsible and
feral friendly.*

Make a difference in the lives
of these animals and those
who adopt them.

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Trap-Alter-Protect



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Preserving Wildlife.*

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Welcome to TAPworks!

TAP stands for *Trap-Alter-Protect* and is a tool for combating our burgeoning feral cat population. TAP is **not** TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release or Trap-Neuter-Return). TNR does not protect cats. Furthermore, TNR (which takes place in an open system) does not protect wildlife.

The goal of TAP is to **remove** felines from the environment by humanely trapping them, spaying or neutering (altering) them, and then socializing them for placement into loving homes or providing permanent sanctuary.

TAP into the facts...

Trapping and Removing cats, which has been proven to work when the artificial food source is also removed, is a method used to combat overpopulation.

Given the fact that there are so many feral and free-roaming cats (60 to 100 million are estimated in the U.S.), no method of controlling, containing, or eliminating them would seem to make a statistically significant dent in their population.

For that to happen, *attitudes* must change.

TAP into the reality...

We must place value on the lives of companion animals and be more responsible caretakers. This means spaying and neutering our pets and not letting them roam freely. Education is our best tool for affecting change. There should be more low-cost spay/neuter options for pet owners and massive anti-abandonment campaigns. Folks need to treat the decision of whether or not to get a pet seriously and make a commitment for the life of that animal. Until these changes take place, we will continue to be witness to the suffering of homeless animals.

TAP into the experience...

Opening your home to a feral cat is a unique experience. Feral cats are unsocialized to humans, but they are still domestic animals. Whether feral, stray or pet, domestic cats are companion animals and their home is not outdoors.

They are not wildlife.

As a result of having little or no human contact, feral cats tend to be fearful of us. They may run and hide when a human approaches or show aggression through hissing and other physical displays. While there is no critical window for taming a feral cat, generally speaking, the younger the cat – the easier to tame. Young kittens can be tamed with little effort. Older kittens may require more time. Even adult feral cats can turn into wonderful lap cats given time and patience. Many TNR advocates will state that adult feral cats are no different than wild animals like raccoons and do not adjust to indoor living. Furthermore, they state that these animals are not adoptable and that trying to socialize these animals is a waste of resources and time.

We disagree. To those of us who have successfully done this time and time again, we know how special these cats are and what a rewarding experience this is.

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