



# ABOUT TRAP - NEUTER - RETURN (TNR)

*Do you have feral/stray cats that live on your property? Please allow PAWS of JH to trap, neuter, and return them to you.*

## THE CURRENT SITUATION

Within our three communities, Star Valley, Jackson, and Teton Valley, thousands of feral and stray cats roam freely and breed rapidly. Communicable diseases run rampant through these communities as they are easily transmitted through bites and breeding. These cats suffer due to disease, the elements, predation, and lack of food. Putting these cats into the shelters will cause problems as our local shelters are already overwhelmed and most of these cats would not thrive in a home.

## THE SOLUTION

Trap Neuter Return (TNR) is the sole method proven to be effective AND humane in controlling stray and feral cat population growth. TNR provides long term:

-  Population control through sterilization.
-  Lowering the number of cat and kitten intake into the local shelters.
-  The spread of disease is reduced and the breeding cycle ends. Altered cats are not fighting for resources and territory as much as they were when intact. The cats are relieved of the constant stress of mating and pregnancy.
-  A better relationship with humans. Spayed/neutered cats protect their territory and keep other cats from moving in.

**TRAP:** PAWS' TNR team sets humane traps on property and the property owner agrees to the terms of the TNR process. Traps are set at night and checked in the morning



**NEUTER:** The captured cats are transferred to a local vet to be assessed and spayed/neutered.

**RETURN:** After recovery cats are returned to their property. Property owners agree to provide adequate shelter, food, and water.

**WHY EAR TIP?:** A tipped ear is the universal sign of an altered feral cat. During the neuter surgery, 1/4in of the left ear is removed while the cat is anesthetized; the ear is cauterized and heals rapidly.