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## Benefits of TNR

- \* relieves cats of the constant stresses of mating and pregnancy
- \* Mating behaviours cease, like roaming, yowling, spraying and fighting
- \* With decreased competition for mating, the cats are less likely to suffer injuries
- \* The cat population stabilizes - no new kittens
- \* The feral cat population decreases
- \* Complaint calls to officials is reduced
- \* The community is happier without all the nuisance of breeding cats, injured kittens

## Why other Methods Don't Work

### Catch & Kill and/or Relocation

**The traditional and continued approach of animal control, these methods have been used for decades to no avail due to The Vacuum Effect.**

### What is The Vacuum Effect

**Attempts to remove cats from an area usually fail because of a natural and scientifically-documented phenomenon known as The Vacuum Effect. Whenever cats are removed, new cats move in and/or the surviving cats left behind, breed to capacity.**

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## Feral, Stray, Community Cats

### What is a Feral Cat?

A feral cat is an unowned, free-roaming cat that has never lived with humans. Feral cats are a domesticated species that, due to human neglect, now live as wild animals.

### What Isn't a Feral Cat?

While you may see many free-roaming cats around town, chances are that none, or very few, of them are feral. Most are simply roaming house cats, stray or loosely owned cats. Loosely owned cats, also known as "porch cats" or "community cats" are stray cats that are fed by one or many people. All of these cats are largely approachable and trust humans, unlike feral cats.

### What is TNR?

Cats are humanely trapped and taken to a veterinarian to be neutered and spayed. After recovery, the cats are returned to their home - their colony - outdoors. Kittens and cats who are friendly and socialized to people may be adopted into homes.

### Does TNR work?

Based on studies around the world, TNR stops the breeding cycle of cats and therefore improves their lives while preventing reproduction. One colony studied found the number of cats declined by 66% with no new kittens being born after the first four years of operation.

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## Gravelbourg TNR Feral Cat Program

Why Trap-Neuter-Return  
the case for TNR



## What is the Gravelbourg TNR Feral Cat Program?

We are a small group of animal lovers who have decided to try to help the feral, stray and community cats in Gravelbourg.

Started in 2021 by Tracy Lee. New to Gravelbourg she became concerned about the stray/feral cats she saw around the town. After seeing people complain on FB about the problem she started Gravelbourg TNR Feral Cat program page on FB where people could post and discuss the situation in one area instead of multiple FB groups.

Shannie Boudreault contacted Tracy and offered her services to help get the Gravelbourg Feral Cat program up and running. As a cat lover with several of her own cats, she is dedicated to helping as many cats as she can.

These two ladies have been working with foster families who raise feral litters to get the kittens and moms adopted. The moms are spayed as soon as the kittens are weaned and the kittens are spayed/neutered when they turn 6 months old. In conjunction with a local vet, the group has spayed close to a dozen kittens and their moms in just 6 months. They have received donations of materials for up to 6 winter shelters. Wagtime Photography held a Christmas Pet Photos day and donated the proceeds to the group.

Their goal is to start 2 feeding stations, monitor and identify the cats who come regularly and during the summer they want to trap-neuter-return up to 12 cats. A food bank for foster families is in the works.

### How You Can Help

- be a foster family
- Volunteer to feed 1 day a week
- Donate food, litter, materials for winter shelters

### Winter Shelters

- Straw
- Styrofoam sheets or containers
- Rubbermaid tote bins
- Gorilla tape



## Services we currently provide

- low cost spay/neuter for feral/stray cats
- Winter shelters
- Paypal account for secure donation payments

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Join our Facebook Group:

**Gravelbourg TNR Feral Cat Program**

### Adopt

There are many wonderful kittens and spayed adult females available. We post images regularly on our FB group.

### Donate

In kind materials and cash are greatly appreciated. We have a secure PayPal account. We'll pick up or you can drop off In-kind materials.



## Services coming in 2023

- two feeding stations
- Food and litter for foster families raising litters
- Trap-Neuter-Return for 1-2 cats per month during warm weather months (May - September)
- Food bank for community members feeding community cats
- Low to no cost spay/neuter for pet cats based on need as determined by vets we have partnered with in communities around Gravelbourg