



Tri County Trap-Neuter-Return

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“Helping control the feral and stray cat overpopulation in Tippecanoe, White, and Carroll Counties in Indiana through a community program of trap-neuter-return, the humane alternative to animal euthanasia”

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I would like to introduce you to a new organization, Tri County TNR, which is dedicated to providing TNR (Trap, Neuter, and Return) for feral and stray cats of Tippecanoe, White, and Carroll Counties in Indiana. We also provide assistance for the cats' caretakers by teaching them how to care for and monitor their colonies. Tri County TNR has been co-founded by Nancy Allen, Robyn Poole, and Patty Brock. Tri County TNR is currently in the process of becoming a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Our web site is still under construction at www.tricountytnr.org. Our organization was established to change the way feral and stray cats have been traditionally viewed, and we will strive to improve their lives and promote ideas that are more reflective of caring and humane communities.

Since November of 2007, Dr. Lucie Levy of Pets and Vets as Partners has been helping Tri County TNR once a month by altering, providing a 3-year rabies and FVRCP vaccine, and left ear tipping each cat for future identification purposes. The client fee per cat is \$25.00, which is paid directly to the clinic by the client. Dr. Levy asked Ft. Dodge and Intervet Pharmaceutical Companies to donate vaccines, and they were most kind in doing so. Dr. Levy has also set up a Community Service Program at her clinic. Clients are asked to donate \$0.25 per transaction to help finance this program. This program has proven to be very easy to administer and has been well accepted by the clinic's clients.

It is estimated that 80% of all new kittens born are the offspring of feral or stray cats. It is our goal to greatly reduce these numbers humanely and effectively, therefore reducing the numbers of feral and stray cats taken to shelters, and reducing costs to taxpayers.

Demand for these services for feral and stray cats is growing dramatically. As a result, we are in great need of more veterinarians willing to provide these services for feral cats. Veterinarians are the **only** ones who can intervene in pet over-population, therefore your personal commitment to help is drastically needed and could be very rewarding.

If you or your clinic would be willing to help, or if you have any questions, please feel free to call Nancy Allen at the cell number listed below.

Thank you for your consideration to this serious matter.

Respectfully,
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