

Hi,

Connie Canode forwarded your email to me asking for feral cat colony success stories. I have many stories I could share, as I have been doing this for about 18 years.

I have many colonies that I have worked with...getting everyone trapped, spayed/neutered and returned to the colony. Then, they are fed and cared for nightly. Some of my colonies started out with 30 or more cats. By sticking with it, and getting everyone spayed/neutered, one by one, my colonies are now controlled, and over the years have turned from 30 cats to 3 or 4. Many of my feral cats have lived good lives in their colony for ten or more years.

At one of my colonies several years ago, I had one calico cat that continued to get pregnant two times a year, and would absolutely not get in a trap. She would present me with a litter of about 5 kittens two times a year, and I would have to get all the kittens trapped and spayed as soon as I could. I spayed and neutered some 45 to 50 kittens that she produced.

Then, finally, one day, luck was with me, and she got in the trap. I definitely did the happy cat dance that day!! After she was spayed, that colony finally began to dwindle down...and she lived several years after that...happy to not have to care for kittens anymore!

I have also cleaned up a colony that was living on top of a three story building downtown. I would have to climb up a fire escape, throw a board over between two rooftops and shimmy across the board to get food on the roof and to set traps. That was an interesting situation.

The stories go on and on.... :)

But, Trap Neuter Return works!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Don't ever give up!!

Thanks!
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