



Kern County
Animal Services

Kern County Feral
Cat Coalition

Kern County Animal Services is proud to be one of the thousands of agencies in the United States embracing Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) as the humane method to control the feral and free-roaming cat populations. Using this technique, all the feral cats in a colony are trapped, neutered and then returned to their territory where caretakers provide them with regular food and shelter. Young kittens who can still be socialized, as well as friendly adults, are placed in foster care and eventually adopted out to good homes.

As of July 1, 2013 Kern County Animal Services will be asking unincorporated residents to contact our general information line to schedule a day to bring in cats they have trapped the night prior. We will be taking in a limited number of trapped cats per day based on the number we can safely and humanely house. Currently this program will be operating only out of our Bakersfield facility.

Please contact Kern County Animal Services' KCATNiP hotline or email if:

- **You are an unincorporated County caretaker of free-roaming or feral cats and need help spaying/neutering cat colony members.**
- **You are an unincorporated County resident and you are having problems with cats in your neighborhood and need humane solutions, including TNR.**
- **You have questions about free-roaming cats, want to become a volunteer trapper with KCATNiP, or want to know how to work with neighbors who don't like community cats.**

General Information: (661) 868-7100

Kern County Animal Services no longer receives trapped cats for the sole purpose of euthanasia. If you do not make an appointment with KCATNiP to bring in trapped cats you may be turned away if we do not have space to house the cat(s). Kern County Animal Services can accept two cats per day, per residence.

We will ask all trappers to sign a "Trapper Agreement" during which the trapper can agree to participate actively in a TNR program with Kern County Animal Services, or they can decline to participate actively but certify that they understand the cats will be returned to the location from which they were trapped, sterilized, vaccinated and eartipped.

Kern County Animal Services and the Kern Feral Cat Coalition thank you for your commitment to solving pet overpopulation in our community using humane methods. For more information about feral cats and TNR, see our website at: <http://www.co.kern.ca.us/acd/>