



## Forgotten Cats Worcester County TNVR

Project #  
23-8086A

**Date of Report:** 10/12/24

**Project Focus:** Feral Cats

**County(ies) Serviced:** Worcester County

**Total Number of Cats Spayed:** 400

**Total Number of Cats Neutered:** 346

**Total Number of Surgeries:** 746

**Amount Received:** \$31,875.00 **Amount Spent:** \$31,875.00 **Amount Remaining (to be returned):** \$0.00

### Project Synopsis:

The TNVR of free roaming cats was completed in the targeted areas of West Ocean City, Berlin, Ocean Pines, Pocomoke City, Bishopville, Whaleyville, Snow Hill, Girdletree, and Stockton.. The timeline was longer than expected due to trapper issues which we believe have recently been resolved. FC sterilized 20,795 cats in 2023 so as you can see, the issue was the trapping not the sterilization capacity.

### Project Description:

In an effort to reduce intake & euthanasia at Worcester County Animal Control and provide a humane solution to control the free-roaming cat population in Worcester County, we conducted targeted TNVR of colonies in West Ocean City, Berlin, Ocean Pines, Bishopville, Whaleyville, and Pocomoke City. The project started on Jan 1, 2023 and ended June 30 2024. These cities were targeted because they were reported as the areas of highest intake and euthanasia for Worcester County Animal Control. Throughout the project, we used the only effective TNVR protocol which involves working closely with the colony caregiver in order to trap 100% of the cats residing in the colony so that there is zero percent colony growth. In addition to reducing intake and euthanasia, this project also aimed to reduce the free-roaming cat population, reduce the risk of rabies spread, and reduce complaint calls to animal control.

### Summary of Approach:

Due to our prior MDA projects in Worcester County, we were able to start this project as soon as our previous one was completed. While we started TNVR'ing colonies on our waiting list, we began marketing the project via social media. Throughout the duration of the project we received regular requests for help. We TNVR'd colony after colony through a complaint-driven approach. Already having an infrastructure in place with our resources, employees, and volunteers allowed us a quick and easy start. Working closely with caregivers, our trapper aimed to TNVR at least two colonies every 2 weeks. In order to stabilize each colony, we continuously trapped until ALL cats were caught. All cats were transported to one of our facilities where they were sterilized, vaccinated (rabies & FVRCP), received flea and parasite treatment, ear-tipped, and provided additional medical care if needed. Feral cats were released and friendly cats and kittens placed for adoption.



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**Accomplishments:**

1.) TNVR'd 746 cats. 2.) Relief on shelter intake and complaint calls to animal control. 3.) We estimate that this project prevented the birth of roughly 2000 kittens that would have otherwise been born. 4.) Hundreds of cats/kittens were held and placed for adoption. 5.) Many cats received life-saving and life-changing medical care. Some additional medical care performed on cats brought in through this project included but were not limited to: entropion repair, wound care, enucleations, dentals, polyp removal, mass removal, and rectal prolapse repair.

**Lessons Learned:**

Our trapper who is an FC employee experienced severe health issues which meant we relied on volunteer trapping efforts. Relying solely on volunteers is definitely not an effective way to perform TNVR per FC's protocol of 100% sterilization of colonies. We have since hired a new local trapper and opened a local clinic.

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