Alliance for Contraception in Cats & Dogs (ACC&D)
5th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

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SINCE ALLEY CAT ALLIES WAS FOUNDED in 1990

Trap-Neuter-Return is Mainstream
- > 600 groups nationally for feral cats and TNR.
- > 331 cities have TNR ordinances or endorse.
- National Feral Cat Day – Oct. 16th – events all 50 states.

OBSTACLES FOR FERAL CATS “Bad News”

National and Local Obstacles

NATIONAL OBSTACLE
The NEED to Change Local Policies

More cats die in shelters than by any other documented cause.
- More than 70% of all cats who enter shelters are killed.
- Virtually 100% of feral cats brought to a shelter are killed, because they aren’t adoptable.
- TNR colonies are not safe from “catch and kill.”
Good News
Overcoming MYTHS & Creating Humane Programs

- FACT: Neutering (TNR) on large-scale common place.
  Examples: DC, Atlantic City, Chicago, Tangier Island, Baltimore
- NEED: Neutering cats where people are – animal control and shelters.
- NEED & PRIORITY: More cats faster – rapidly prevent litters (safety!)

Continuing with Benefits to Cats & People

- Feral cats are focus of many cities and NGO’s
  - Huge & critical niche – stopping feral cat reproduction
- Build on momentum – we have solid understanding of outdoor cats (healthy as indoor cats.)
- NEED: Rabies vaccination for all CATS (TNR, AKA TNVR).

Don’t let the PERFECT be the enemy of the GOOD

- IDEAL: contraceptive vaccine to last the life of cat – empirical evidence of feral cats living 15-20 years
- GOOD: Interrupt litters if even 1 or 2 years to support TNR.
- Must be safe & in cats’ best interest! (Human/Cat Bond)
- How to mark feral cats? (tag? tattoo?; Think Tank)

LOCALIZED OBSTACLES

- [Table with various options and checkmarks]
Non-Surgical CONTRACEPTIVES

Considerations
- Field work finds feral cats living to 15+
- Length of efficacy for feral cats?
- Contraception for entire colony — 100% of the cats?
- Cost to produce?
- Oral delivery
- Rescuers of “Porch” Cats
  • 34% cats in homes

IF YOU DON’T KNOW WHERE YOU’RE GOING, ANY ROAD WILL TAKE YOU THERE
Join us in the Field!

Alley Cat Allies & Large-Scale TNR...
- Boardwalk Cats Project – Atlantic City
- Feline Frenzies – AC, NOLA, DC
- DC CAT; Baltimore; Ft. Worth and many more
- Tangier & Chincoteague Island