



Minnesota

Wildcat Wednesdays

Part of Animal Ark's Feline Feral Friends Program

**Controlling, Managing, Reducing
or Eliminating Feral Cat
Populations Effectively,
Humanely and Safely with
Support from the Community.**

**To begin trapping feral cats on your property
call Animal Ark at (651) 772-8983 Ext 21.**

**To volunteer or donate, call Animal Ark
at (651) 772-8983 Ext 11.**

Organized and administered by Animal Ark, Minnesota's largest no kill animal welfare organization

What Are Feral Cats?

Feral cats are untamed, unsocialized offspring of domestic house cats, which, when allowed outside, can give birth under porches, in garages or any place they can find shelter. These kittens grow up with little or no human contact. As a result, they behave like wild animals.

Feral kittens cannot generally be tamed after the age of about 8 - 9 weeks. Therefore, trapping them and adopting them into homes is not possible.

The Problem of Feral Cats

It is estimated that there are between 300,000 and 1 million feral cats living in and around the Twin Cities metro area. These feisty felines displace and kill large numbers of native wildlife. Additionally, because of their astonishing birth rate, they contribute to our area's massive pet overpopulation problem. They also pose a potential public health risk, because feral cats can carry and transmit diseases that can affect people and their pets.

About Trap - Neuter - Return (TNR)

Not only is trap, neuter and return (TNR) a humane way to manage feral cat populations, it has been proven to be more effective at reducing or eliminating feral cat populations in the long-run. Each feral cat sterilized can prevent the birth of many thousands of kittens in the future.

How This Program Works

Minnesota residents noticing feral cats in their neighborhood can assist this program by following the steps outlined in this brochure. For additional information is available by contacting Animal Ark (651) 772-8983 Ext 21.

Step 1 - Obtain Feral Cat Trap(s) from the Animal Ark Thrift Store in St. Paul

Specially constructed and labeled live traps are available at Animal Ark Thrift Store at 809 E. 7th Street in St. Paul. A small, refundable deposit is required for each trap. This deposit is returned when traps are returned to Animal Ark after the cats have been released.

Along with the traps, residents will receive detailed trapping instructions to help them through the process.

Step 2 - Notify Your Neighbors

To avoid accidentally trapping your neighbor's pet cats, it is important that they be notified of plans to trap feral cats in their area. A copy of a flier that can be left with your neighbors will be provided by Animal Ark along with the trap(s).

Step 3 - Trap the Cat(s)

After following all of the instructions provided with the traps, trapping should take place Tuesday evening, and, if necessary, into Wednesday morning.

Step 4 - Bring Cat(s) in Trap(s) to Animal Ark Thrift Store

Animal Ark will be open to begin accepting cats between the hours of 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM Wednesday mornings. Cats must be brought to the Animal Ark Thrift Store secured in specially labeled live traps.

Step 5 - Sterilize, Vaccinate and Ear Tip

Cats will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated for Rabies and marked so they can be easily identified as managed feral cats. These procedures will be performed and supervised by veterinarians working for Animal Ark. Surgeries will be performed in Animal Ark's Neuter Commuter, a mobile surgical hospital, that will be parked outside the Animal Ark Thrift Store.

Step 6 - Return the Cat(s)

Between 3:00 and 5:00 PM Wednesday, the Animal Ark Thrift Store will be open for the pick up of the cats. Each cat will be provided with post-surgery care and release instructions.

Step 7 - Feed & Monitor the Cat(s)

To ensure new, unsterilized cats are not moving into the area, keep an eye out for unmarked cats requiring surgery.

Animal Ark Membership or Donation Form

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please Check One of the Following:

☐ I have enclosed a check

☐ Please charge my (circle one) Visa/Master Card

Card Number: _____

Expiration: _____

Donation Amount:

☐ \$1000 (Lifetime Membership)

☐ \$240 (cares for 1 animal)

☐ \$100 (Corporate Membership)

☐ \$80 (Spays or neuters 1 animal)

☐ \$20 (Individual membership)

☐ Other _____

A one-year membership will be included with every donation of \$20 or more.

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Complete this form and mail it with your tax-deductible donation to:
Animal Ark * 809 East 7th Street * St. Paul, Minnesota 55106