

Atlantic Beach Cats



OUR HISTORY

There have historically been hundreds of cats in our village, living in the beach clubs, backyards, or wherever able to find shelter. Abandonment in our beach community is a root cause. This year, the American Association of Feline Practitioners estimated the number of free-roaming abandoned and feral cats in the U.S. to be about 73 million. One un-spayed female cat can produce 30 kittens a year, and of course the numbers dramatically increase exponentially. Various attempts at control or eradication have been made and have failed. Eradication campaigns do not work, since survivors breed exponentially and outsiders move in. The cycle of population growth always begins anew. With the implementation of a thorough, aggressive, and humane Trap-Neuter-Return program, we will once and for all effectively address the cat issue here in Atlantic Beach. During the initial phase of the program, we employed the herd approach. This has prevented the birth of hundreds of kittens and has contributed greatly to the goal of stabilization and reduction through humane attrition.

OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to promoting and advocating for humane/non-lethal methods to control and reduce the Atlantic Beach cat population. By employing the proven method of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), we look for an immediate decrease in the number of cats, as well as ways in which the human population can coexist with a healthy yet steadily diminishing cat population. Population stabilization will occur once 70% of a site is TNR'd. Ongoing long-term population reduction through attrition will then occur at 90%.

Numerous individuals in Atlantic Beach are already utilizing Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) on a small scale. ABCats is a community-wide volunteer organization working in partnership with Neighborhood Cats of NYC to coordinate a full management plan. Our basic functions include TNR, caretaking-site management, community outreach, fundraising, and donation solicitation. We are a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation. E-mail us if you would like to participate in this evolving organization.