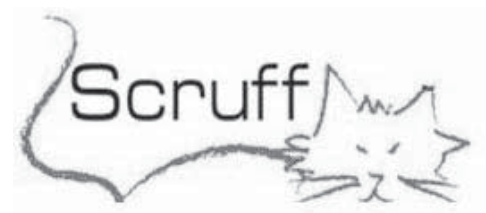




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Who is Scruff?

Scruff (Spaying Capital Region's Unowned Feral Felines), is a feral cat rescue group made up entirely of dedicated volunteers who recognize the problem of the unchecked population of unowned and feral cats in the greater capital region. Founded by Dr. Susan Sikule of Just Cats Veterinary Clinic, *Scruff*'s mission is to improve the quality of life for all feral cats by supporting trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs that save the lives of homeless cats and promote reduction of feral colonies. Modeling itself after the nationally acclaimed Alley Cat Allies, *Scruff* believes TNR is the most humane and effective way to control feral cat populations.

Through our programs and our valuable partnerships, Scruffs' vision is a lifelong commitment in reducing the feral cat colonies throughout the Capital District Region.

What is a feral cat?

Feral cats are the "wild" offspring of domestic cats and are primarily the result of pet owners' abandonment or failure to spay and neuter their pets, allowing them to breed uncontrollably. Feral cats are unsocialized, unowned and free-roaming. Their lives are shortened by malnutrition, disease, trauma and high kitten mortality.

A feral cat colony is a local population of feral cats living in a specific location and using a common food source such as food scavenged from dumpsters or supplementary feeding by human caretakers.

What is TNR?

Trap/neuter/return, commonly referred to as "TNR," is the only method proven to be humane and effective at controlling feral cat population growth. 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, water and shelter. Over time, colony size decreases due to attrition.

What are the benefits of TNR?

Benefits of TNR include reduction of feral cat colonies, a better quality of life for feral/unowned cats, fewer public nuisance problems, reduction in the risk of rabies spread by feral cats, lower cost to taxpayers and a lower euthanasia rate at our shelters.

What can you do?

Donations and volunteers are greatly needed in order for us to reach maximum success in the greater capital region. Since January 2007, we have sponsored monthly spay days and spay/neutered over 400 feral cats. Please consider making a donation or volunteering to help us continue our work helping feral and stray cats.

Did You Know?

An estimated 60 million cats are considered homeless in our country.

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The American Veterinary Medical Association supports the use of TNR to control existing colonies of supervised feral cats.



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