

# SAVING ALBUQUERQUE'S COMMUNITY CATS



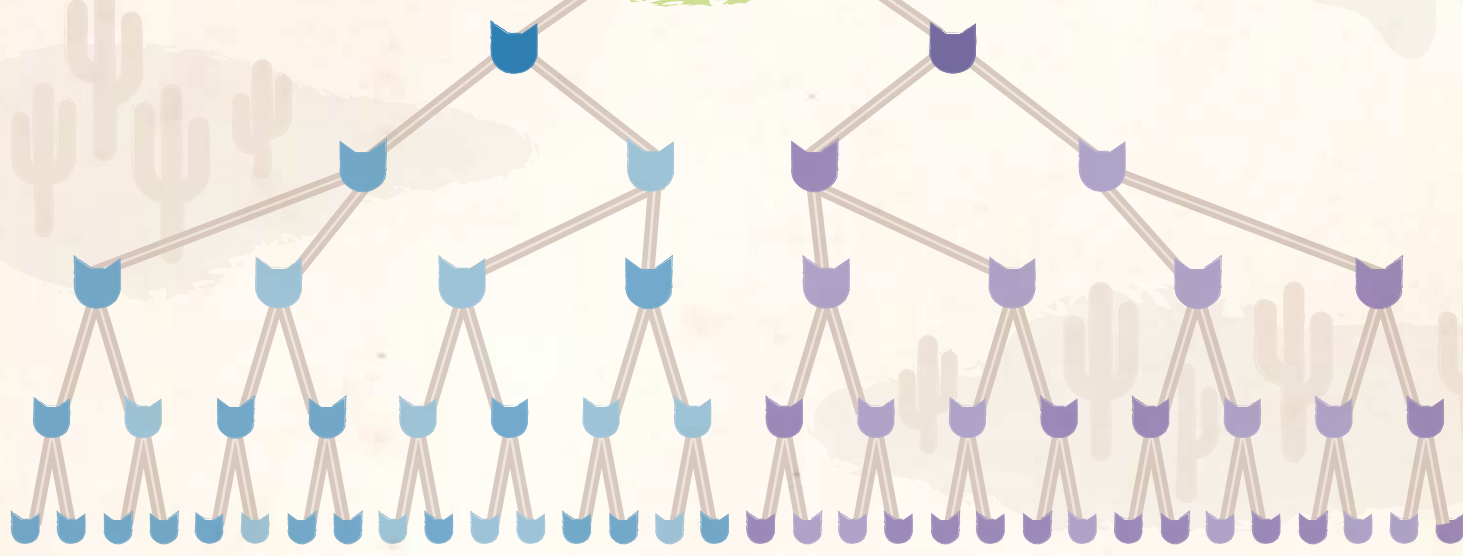
Albuquerque's Animal Shelter took in **more than 8,000 cats** in 2012 alone. The city's community cats were not fixed, and New Mexico's warm climate encouraged them to breed.

It all traces back to

**1 CAT**



Cats can become pregnant with their first litter at only **4 months old**



Every year, an adult cat can have 3 litters.



Because Albuquerque's animal welfare groups knew that **fixing community cats was the key**, they were able to...

2011

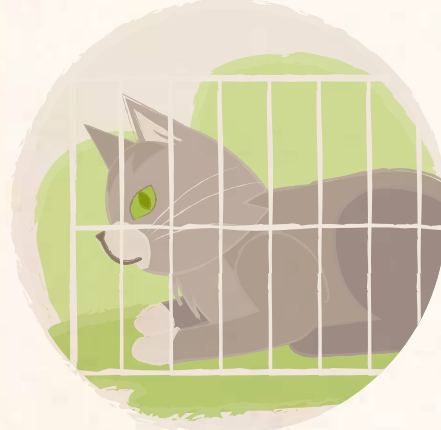
2013

...reduce cat euthanasia by  
**76%\***

\*from January 2011 to December 2013

They did this through **Trap-Neuter-Return, or TNR**.

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the most humane, effective approach to reducing the community cat population.



Community cats are **TRAPPED** humanely.



Cats are brought to a **SPAY/NEUTER** facility for surgery and vaccinations.



After recovery, community cats are **RETURNED** to where they were trapped.

**THE BENEFIT:** Fewer, but healthier and happier cats in Albuquerque.



Ear tipping is the universal sign of a fixed community cat. It's done humanely during surgery, and ensures the cat is not trapped for TNR again.

Together, Best Friends Animal Society, the Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department, and PetSmart Charities built a 3-year program to **TNR 10,500 free-roaming cats** in Albuquerque.

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Best Friends takes the city shelter's community cats...

COMMUNITY CATS



...and cats that they've trapped to be fixed.



BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY  
WITH PETSMART CHARITIES



VETERINARY CLINIC

A local clinic efficiently fixes as many cats as possible.



BEST FRIENDS

After recovery, the cats then go back to Best Friends Animal Society.

Their teams return the cats to their homes...



RETURN HOME

TRAP NEW CATS

...and trap whole cat colonies each time an individual cat is returned to his home.

On average, for every 1 cat returned to his original location, Best Friends is able to TNR 3 more cats.

The Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department **saved**

**87% of the cats** in its shelter in 2013.

**"WE'RE MAKING A CITY OF CAT LOVERS."**

Jayne Sage, Community Cat Project Coordinator, Best Friends Animal Society

learn more at [petsmartcharities.org/Albuquerque](http://petsmartcharities.org/Albuquerque)