

Collaborate for cat population management

Pet owners

- Neuter cats at 4 months
- Seek support for problems rather than abandon cats
- Microchip cats

TNR groups

- Identify target cat population and set goals
- TNR as many cats as capacity allows right at the start, focusing on one colony/location at a time before moving on to the next
- Monitor progress and manage colonies or individual cats with community caregivers
- Repeat process to maintain high level of neutering (>75%)

Homing organisations

- Neuter cats before adoption
- Prevent pet cat abandonment through community engagement
- Home suitable pet cats as soon as possible to reduce length of stay and increase throughput
- Home suitable, friendly cats and kittens as pets from TNR programmes

Veterinary clinics

- Collaborate with TNR groups and homing organisations
- Plan ahead to ensure capacity for the relevant numbers of neutering surgeries
- Encourage pet owners to neuter their cats
- Neuter pet cats at 4 months
- Perform early neutering for unowned cats (e.g. from 8 weeks)

All four pieces of the puzzle need to be in place