



## Francis Marion University TNR Program

### **Our Mission:**

To humanely manage and reduce the number of cats on the Francis Marion Campus through TNR, daily monitoring, lifelong care, and feeding of any adult cats who are returned to campus.

### **What is TNR?**

Trap-Neuter-Return is the humane and effective approach for stray and feral cats. Cats are humanely trapped and taken to a veterinarian to be neutered and vaccinated. After recovery, the cats are returned to their home—their colony—outdoors.

Once a cat has been fixed the tip of its ear is cut for easy identification.

Kittens and cats that are friendly and socialized to people may be taken to the Florence Area Humane Society in hopes of being adopted into homes.

### **Benefits of Trap - Neuter- Return:**

- Trap-Neuter-Return relieves cats of the constant stresses of mating and pregnancy
- Mating behaviors cease, like roaming, yowling, spraying, and fighting.
- Cats' physical health improves.
- Cats are vaccinated against rabies.
- The population stabilizes—no new kittens!

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions/suggestions please contact Kayla Wilson at [kayla.wilson@fmarion.edu](mailto:kayla.wilson@fmarion.edu)

### **What We Have Done:**

Francis Marion has developed a partnership with SNIP, (Spay and Neuter Intervention of the Pee Dee) the Florence Area Humane Society, and local veterinarians.

- Trap-Neuter-Returned approximately 50 cats.
- Established a cat sanctuary by The Forest Villas Apartments.
- Set up cat houses with food and water dispensers.

### **What We Are Doing:**

- Continuing with TNR.
- Working to relocate cats to the sanctuary.
- Providing cats with daily food and water.
- Monitoring the health of the cats, and taking them to the vet when needed.

### **What We Need Help With:**

- Volunteers for weekend feedings (cat food is provided).
- Volunteers for weekday feeding (cat food is provided).
- Monitoring the health of the cats on campus.