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Spay and Stay Statistics

Since the inception of its trap-neuter-return program in June 1, 2002, Spay and Stay has sterilized 1,410 cats in Lake County, Illinois.

How To

Of the **1,410** stray and feral cats sterilized and vaccinated through our TNR program:

[Trap a feral cat using a Tru-Catch trap](#)

- **750** were females
- **660** were males

[Build an inexpensive feral cat shelter](#)

Estimating that a female can have two litters per season, which is a conservative estimate in some cases, with an average of four kittens per litter, sterilizing 750 females has prevented the birth of **6,000** kittens in one breeding season.

[Tame feral kittens](#)

750 females x 8 kittens per season = 6,000 kittens

[Find homes for kittens or friendly strays](#)

This estimate does not include the secondary litters, which would have been born to these kittens when they reached reproductive age — as early as six months.

[Arrange care for your feral colony if you move](#)

2006 Research Study

Spay and Stay is collecting information from the 309 caretakers who still have cats in their managed colonies, in order to produce a statistical report on current colony size and health of the cats.

To date, the results have been amazing! Most managed colonies have stabilized in size, with zero population growth, while others have reduced their size.

The results of this study will be published here when the research is completed.

Other Statistics

Feral cat colony management statistics from across the country are available:

- [Scientific Studies](#)
- [List of TNR Programs](#) that publish statistics on their websites (from Alley Cat Allies)

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