

Discussion Issues For:
**Advocates of TNR and Those Contemplating
Approval of Such Programs**

Please provide answers, with documentation, to the following:

1. Identify **positive** impacts of TNR programs on our environment, particularly regarding birds, small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fecal deposition, etc.
2. List **positive** aspects of TNR programs/free-roaming cats on feline health and contagious and/or infectious disease dissemination and control.
3. Describe and document the **benefits** of TNR programs, and free-roaming cats, to **human health**, focusing on the spread of zoonotic diseases, bite and scratch case incidents, and the legal risks attending these programs.
4. Explain the **benefits** of artificially attracting unwanted nuisance/non-target species (from ants & roaches to larger animals) to “artificial” TNR feeding sites.
5. Clarify how TNR/free-roaming cats **benefit** public and private property owners through their well-documented nuisance behaviors.
6. If “abandoning” dogs and cats is almost universally deemed to be undesirable, inhumane, and generally illegal, **why** is the “re-abandoning” of cats, as part of TNR programs, viewed as **acceptable**?
7. Provide detailed background and documentation of so-called “managed cat colonies” that have been **eliminated** as a result of TNR.
8. Identify **positive aspects** of subsidizing non-native, alien predators (cats) at the **expense** of native predators, and explain why TNR does not constitute unwarranted “**biological pollution**”.
9. Explain why it is deemed **acceptable** by TNR advocates to deliberately **subject** re-abandoned cats to disease, trauma, inadequate food/shelter and **little or no** opportunity for receiving appropriate **veterinary medical care**.
10. **Explain** the rationale behind the verbal assaults/threats/demonstrations directed toward individuals and agencies who view TNR programs as **ill-advised** and **inappropriate** based on human/animal health, ecological, humane, legal, and public nuisance realities.
11. **Clarify why dozens of national and state veterinary, public health, natural resource, and humane organizations are “misguided” in having adopted resolutions or position statements, based on scientific realities, which are critical or non-supportive of TNR programs and those who continue to perpetuate the problems associated with free-roaming cats.**