



**Salt Lake County
Animal Services**

Community Cat Program

Overview of the
Community Cat
Program within
Salt Lake County.



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Methods For Controlling Free Roaming Cat Population



Catch & Kill

Remove cats from community through animal control and public removal. Euthanize animal after stray wait period has been met.



No Control

Remove cat related items from ordinances. Do not respond to cat issues and do not impound cats into the shelter. Cats treated similar to wildlife.



Community Cat Program

Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) appropriate cats and utilize several resources to control feline population.



Catch & Kill

- Reactive with no measurable benefit.
- Expensive and discourages grants/donors/partnerships.
- Employee morale, quality, & retention.
- Public safety & nuisance concerns.
- Not great for cats



No Control

- Not successful in urbanized, high density areas.
- Doesn't meet the needs & expectations of the public.
- Provides no measurable & sustainable population control.

Community Cat Act, 11-46-301

- (1) A cat may be released prior to the five-day holding period for a community cat program.
- (2) A community cat is exempt from licensing and feeding bans.
- (3) Caretakers do not have custody.
- (4) Records maintained for three years.





Solution

Community Cat Program

No perfect solution.

Proactive & results driven.

Cost effective & community support based.

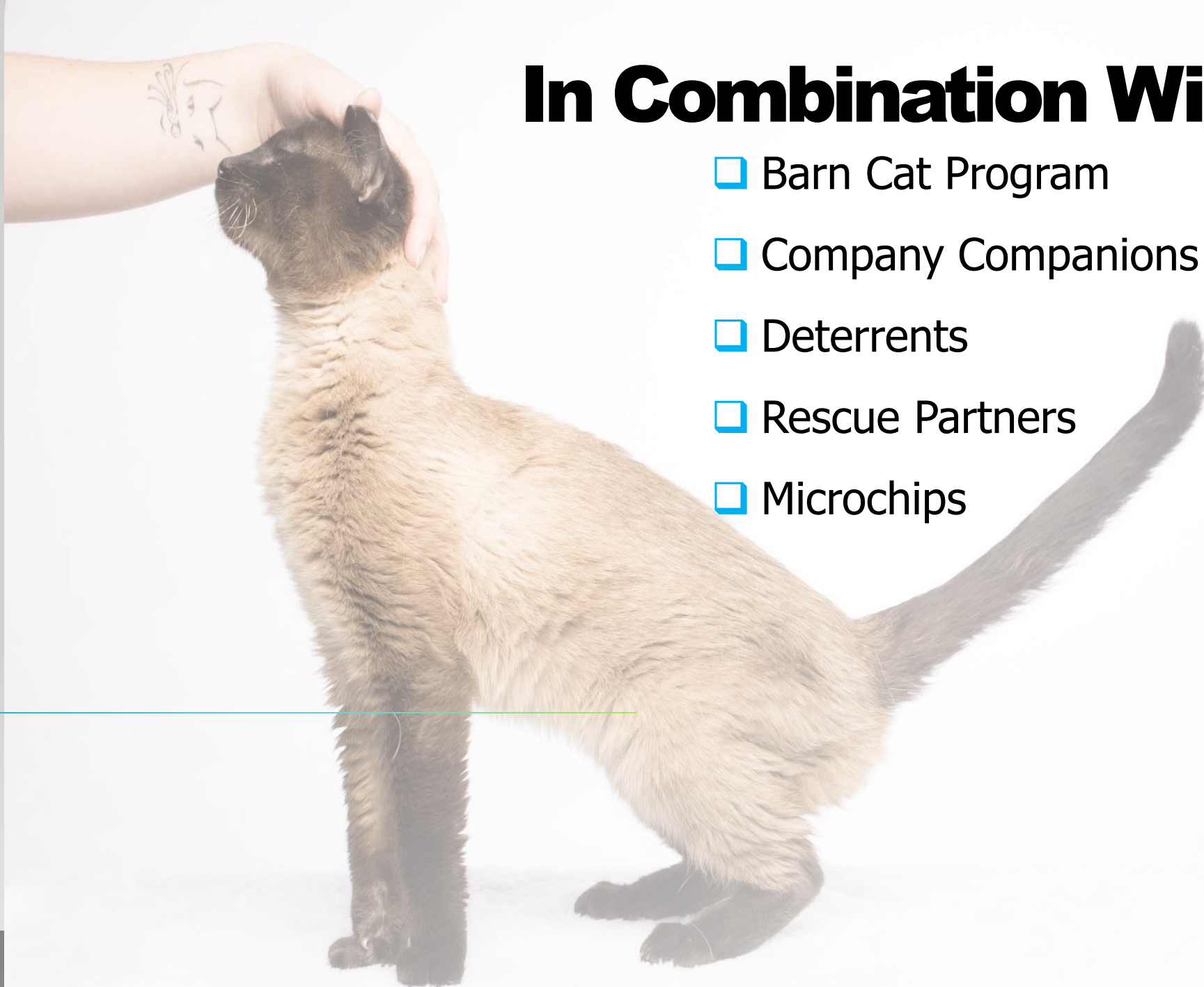
Reduces public safety and nuisance issues.

Happier, talented. long-term employees.

Better for cats.

In Combination With:

- ☐ Barn Cat Program
- ☐ Company Companions
- ☐ Deterrents
- ☐ Rescue Partners
- ☐ Microchips



Other Keys to Success

- ❖ Full commitment.
- ❖ Follow up.
- ❖ Identifying multiple caregivers.
- ❖ Take advantage of resources available.



Statistics: Salt Lake County Animal Services 1995 - 2020

1995

Population: 800k

Shelter Cat Intake: Over 6,000

Cat Euthanized/Live Release
Rate: Close to 4,000, 35%

Cat Related Calls: 8K

Grant/ Donor Funding: Less
than \$1,000

2006

Population: 1M

Shelter Cat Intake: Over 6,000

Cat Euthanized/Live Release
Rate: Over 3,000, 51%

Cat Related Calls: 8K

Grant/ Donor Funding: Less
than \$10,000

2019

Population: 1.2M

Shelter Cat Intake: 4,500

Cat Euthanized/Live Release
Rate: Less than 200, 95%


Cat Related Calls: 6K

Grant/ Donor Funding: Over
\$550,000



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Thank You

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