



Sandy City Council
meeting

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Best Friends local Community Cat Program partnerships

- Salt Lake City 2008
- Murray 2009
- SLCo unincorporated 2010
- West Valley 2011
- Davis Co 2013
- Weber Co 2016
- West Jordan 2017
- Tooele City 2020





Community-based solutions

- Cats come from this community and solutions are also found in this community
- Communication with residents can be found by building trust with the community and animal services
- The community cats may have one or many caregivers
- The caregivers and/or volunteer trappers
- The animal services in the area
- Rescue groups and community leaders interested in helping all the stakeholders



Complainants

- A successful SNR program must include a plan to address the legitimate nuisance complaints by community members
- Sterilization naturally reduces nuisance behaviors in turn reducing neighbor disagreements around those behaviors
- Building relationships between community cat caregivers and community members that do not want stray cats on their property
- Education is key. Canvass neighborhoods to explain the TNR program and offer resources and mediate conflict
- Promote humane deterrent methods
 - Scram for Cats, Motion sensor deterrents



Relocation (A last, last, last resort)

- Relocation of community cats is an absolute last resort and should only be considered if a cat is in imminent danger.
- In the rare case the cat does need to be relocated, there are many steps to make the relocation successful.
- Sometimes a Working Cat Program is the answer for the very rare cases that cats cannot go back to their community they are from



Working cat programs

- Working cats are not eligible for adoption and cannot be returned to their outdoor homes. Working cats are ideal residents for stables, barns, backyards, breweries and warehouses.
- All cats are healthy, vaccinated and sterilized.
- New caretaker responsibilities include providing daily food and water, shelter and veterinary care.
- Our process:
 - Advertising
 - Applications
 - Supplies
 - Acclimation cage set up
 - Not always available or successful





Recommendations

- Animal services as a community resource center, community supported sheltering
- Catstats.org
- Networking on social media
 - Community Cat Action Group of Utah
- Update website with community cat language



