

# Cook County Managed Care of Feral Cats Ordinance Sponsors Update

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**The Key Benefits as a Result of the Ordinance are:**

## **Collaboration**

- **Established resources to pro-actively work within the local community to prevent or resolve neighborhood concerns.**
- **Created a community of partnerships within animal welfare that leverages organizational competencies & strengths.**

## **Communication**

- **Widely available, easily accessible, accurate, and consistent information on feral cats to the general public.**
- **Pro-active educational programs on Feral Cat Colony Management & Sponsorship.**
- **Dramatically increases the number of resources that support the community.**




































## **Prevention**

- **Spay / Neuter is pro-active population management – resulting in dramatically decreased kitten intake to Animal Care & Control Agencies.**
- **Public Health - Rabies prevention through pro-active vaccinations.**

























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*The Ordinance enables Pro-active Responsible Management of Feral Cat Population in Cook County.*

## Services Provided By Sponsor Organizations

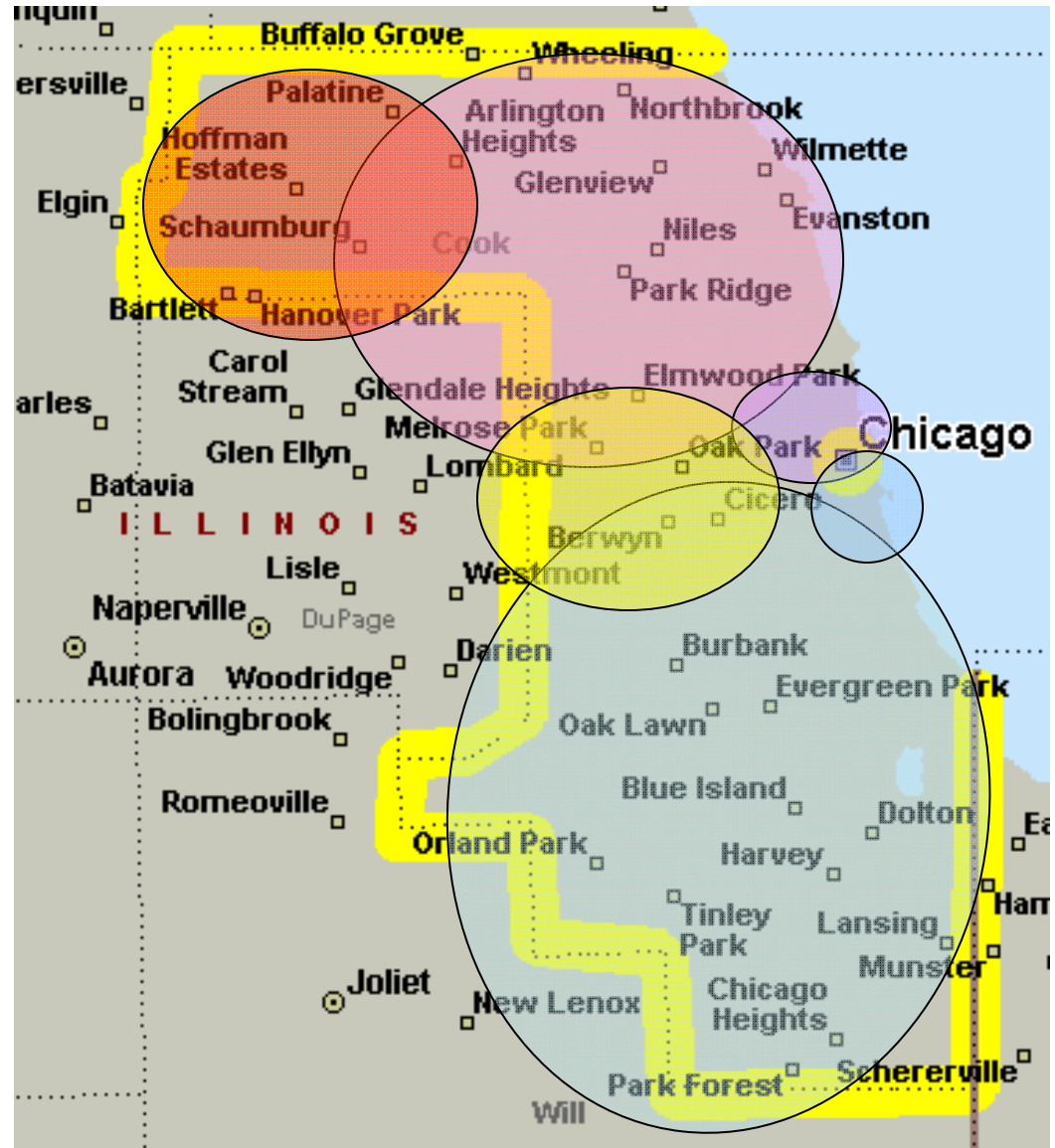
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## Services Provided by Supporting Organizations

Sponsor	Community Education	Clinic	Trap Loans	Hands-On Trapping	Transport	Recovery	Low-Income Funding	Food Distribution
Chicago Land Stray Cats								
Feral Fixers <i>(Primarily Dupage / Cross into Cook)</i>								
The Anti Cruelty Society								
Animal Care League								
Felines, Inc								
Puppy Love – Love Cats								

# Cook County Supporting Organizations – Areas of Coverage

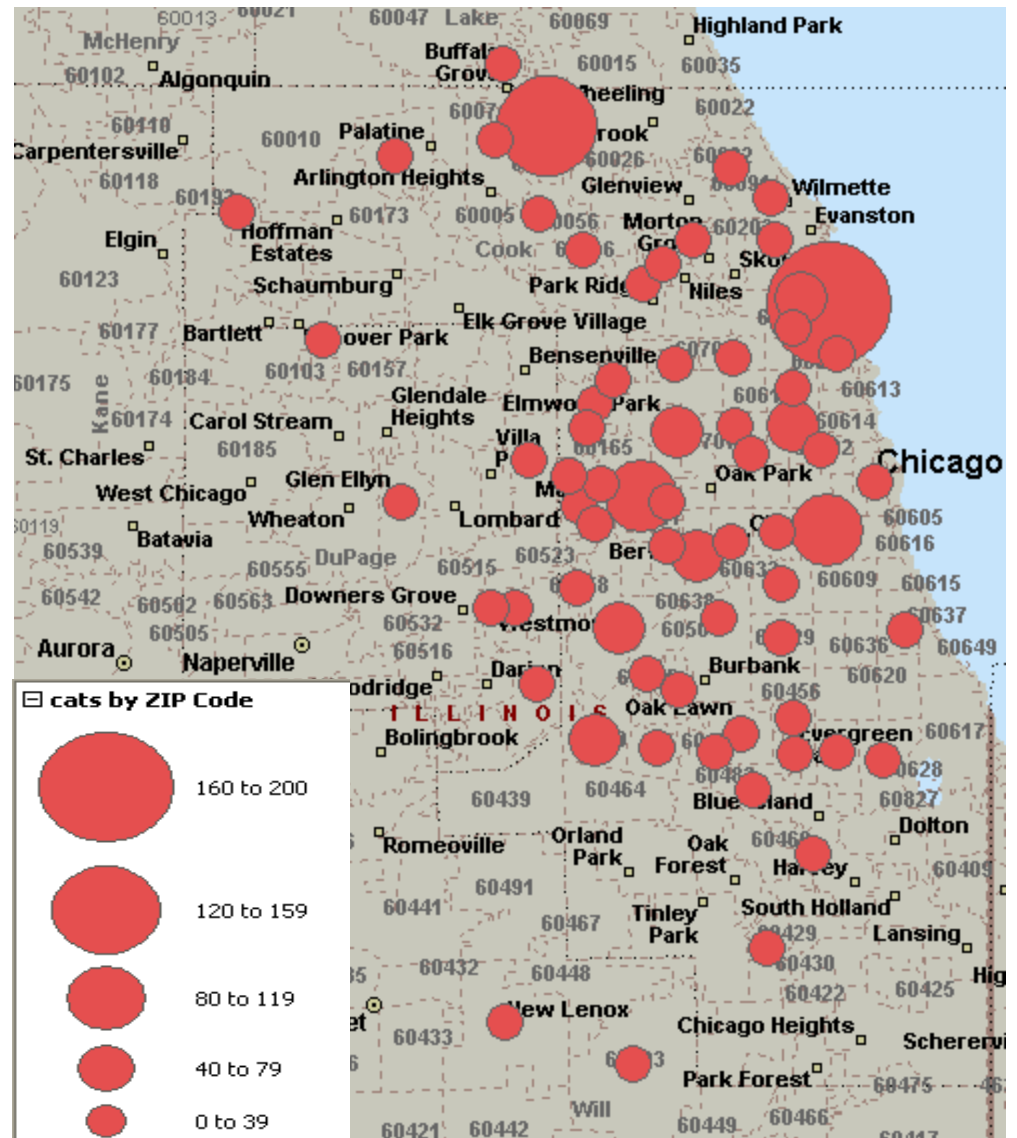
- **Cat Vando**  
(Western Suburbs)
- **Feral Feline Project**  
(West Chicago,  
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- **PACT**  
(Northwest Chicago,  
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- **PAWS Chicago**  
(South & West Side of Chicago)
- **Tree House**  
(North & West Side of Chicago)
- **Triple R Pets**  
(South & Southwest Suburbs)



# Current Managed Cats in Cook County

- As reported by *registered* colony caretakers
  - Actual numbers are higher – registration is an on-going process
- Six reporting agencies
  - Cat Vando
  - Tree House
  - PAWS Chicago
  - Triple R Pets
  - Feral Feline Project
  - PACT Humane Society

**Over 1,600 cats ...  
and counting!**



## Pro-Active Population Management through Access to Spay / Neuter

### Total Spay / Neuter Surgeries

	2008 (Sept)	2007	2006	2005	2004
Animal Care League	114	5	0	0	0
Anti Cruelty	11,372	13,182	12,264	12,236	11,827
NAWS	5,904	0	0	0	0
PAWS Chicago	11,539	14,154	11,162	8,797	7,291
Tree House	790	876	638	624	614
<b>Total Surgery</b>	<b>29,719</b>	<b>28,217</b>	<b>24,064</b>	<b>21,657</b>	<b>19,732</b>

*Since 2007, over 3,800 feral cats have been sterilized in Cook County. More than 50% are Females - At 2 litters a year / averaging 3 kittens per litter. This has prevented the birth of over 11,000 kittens – Conservatively.*

### Feral Cat – Spay / Neuter Sx

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Animal Care League	114	5	0	0	0
Anti Cruelty	587	757	634	0	0
NAWS	1,245	0	0	0	0
PAWS Chicago	2,059	2,209	916	516	640
Tree House	119	132	99	93	87
<b>Total Surgery</b>	<b>4,124</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>727</b>

### Feral Cat – Cook County - Spay / Neuter Sx

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Animal Care League	114	5	0	0	0
Anti Cruelty	235	303	254	0	0
NAWS	112	0	0	0	0
PAWS Chicago	1,358	1,457	570	384	296
Tree House	111	120	91	86	80
<b>Total Surgery</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>376</b>

## Public Health Impact - Rabies Prevention through Vaccinations.

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*The “Not for Profit” Clinics recognize the importance of Rabies Prevention- Ferals are vaccinated for rabies as part of the standard medical protocol.*



# Medical Services Provided by “Not for Profit” Clinics for Feral Cats.

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## Animal Care League -Feral Cat Program

- Spay / Neuter – Free!
- \$20 – Ear-tip, Rabies & Distemper Vaccination
- Additional Services Include:
  - Micro Chip \$5
  - Parasite Treatment \$5
  - Feline Combo Testing \$20

## The Anti-Cruelty Society– Feral Cat Program

- Spay / Neuter & Ear Tip & Flea Treatment– Free!
- Additional Services Include
  - Rabies Vaccination \$8
  - Distemper Vaccination \$5
  - Micro Chip \$10
  - Feline Combo Testing \$10

## Tree House Humane Society

- Spay / Neuter – Free!
- \$20 – Ear-tip, Rabies & Distemper Vaccination, Parasite Treatment, pain medicine.
- Additional Services Include:
  - Micro Chip \$6
  - Parasite Treatment \$5
  - Feline Combo Testing \$10

## PAWS Chicago

- Spay / Neuter – Free!
- \$20 – Ear-tip, Rabies & Distemper Vaccination, Parasite Treatment, Penicillin Shot, & pain medicine.
- Additional Services Include:
  - Micro Chip \$6
  - Feline Combo Testing \$10

\*\*\* Medical Services Pricing & Service Offering Subject to Change.

## What's Next for Cook County's Feral Cats.....

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- “**F**” – Find & Recruit More Sponsoring Agencies & Organizations.
- “**E**” – Educate the community through local workshops & community groups, newsletters, web sites, current registered care givers, clinics, & other animal welfare organizations.
- “**R**” – Retain, Support & Ensure Compliance of registered Care Givers & show the value of being registered.
- “**A**” – Advocates & Supporters for the Ordinance, Continue to identify & communicate success stories of reduced cat populations & neighborhood complaints.
- “**L**” – Leverage the Resources & Competencies of the animal welfare organizations in Cook County. Ensure we engage Private Veterinarian Practices.
- “**S**” – Support the Ordinance, the Public Health Benefits, & the Savings for the Tax Payers & County. This ordinance cost the county \$0, & will result in cost savings due to pro-active population management through spay / neuter.