

**Village of Oak Forest, IL Results**

**Summary Statement**

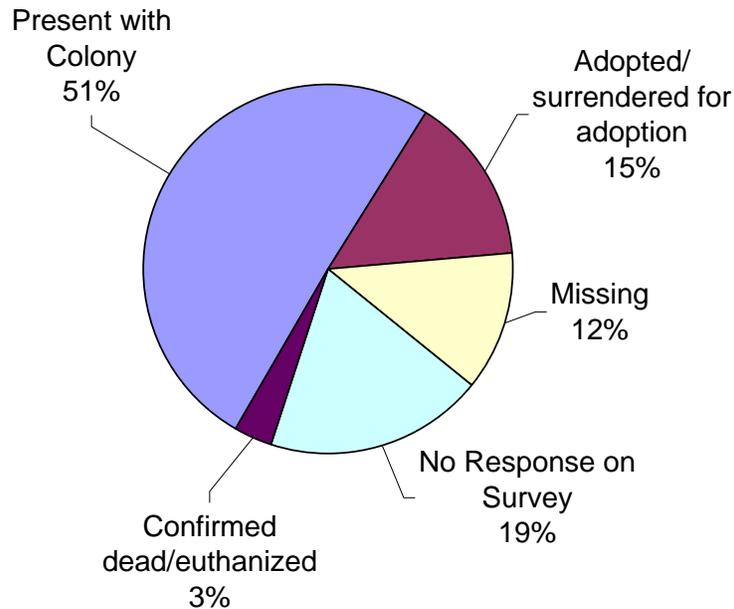
The 2009 survey results demonstrate the success of a carefully managed TNR program. A net reduction of 37% in the number of cats currently present within the Triple R Pets' managed colonies clearly demonstrates the population decrease effect seen with Trap-Neuter-Return programs. In addition, of the reporting managed colonies, 86% demonstrated a decrease in the overall colony population.

**Survey Results: By Cat**

- Results were returned for 81% of the cats in the survey field or 168 cats with known current status

	Individual Cat Counts	% of Cats Surveyed
Cats Surveyed	<b>208</b>	
Cat remains present with colony	105	50%
Cat has been adopted or surrendered for adoption	31	15%
Cat has gone missing	25	12%
Cat was confirmed dead / euthanized	7	3%
Cat was relocated to another colony	0	0%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>81%</b>
No data received from caretaker	40	19%

**Table 1 Individual Cat Response Data**

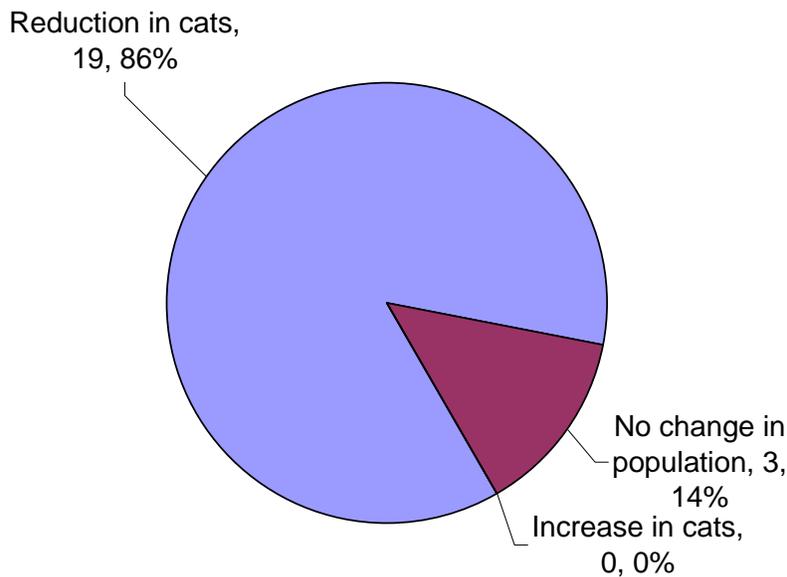


**Figure 1 Individual Cat Disposition Results**

- A net decrease in the overall population was noted. 63 fewer cats in the colonies reported or a 37% population decrease.
- There are two key drivers of the population decrease:
  - Socialization of kittens and adoptions – these are all cats that without a TNR program, would have grown to become breeding adults.
  - Natural attrition of the population (missing cats) is the second largest driver in they decrease.
- The coyote population has also been a concern in these areas and we believe that many of the cats fall prey to the coyotes

**Survey Results: By Colony**

- Results were returned for 71% of the colonies in the survey field or 22 colonies responding out of 31 surveyed



**Figure 2 Colony Size Change Results**

- For colonies reporting no change in population, the average colony size is 4.3 cats
- For colonies reporting a reduction in cats, the average prior colony size was 9.2 cats and the new average colony size is 5.8 cats



### **Conclusion**

The data presented clearly shows the positive effect of managed TNR programs. We couple this data with our first early spring trappings of 2010 that are not resulting in the same number of kittens or breeding females that we have seen in prior years at this time in neighborhoods with managed care programs. This leading indicator supports the data presented that the overall population in the managed care colony neighborhoods is decreasing.

### **Triple R Pets' Mission Statement**

Triple R Pets is a volunteer-staffed, non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of animals and their human companions through sustained disaster relief services and on-going programs designed to support animal shelters nationwide in their efforts to promote animal welfare.