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Effectiveness and
sustainability of cat TNR
in HK



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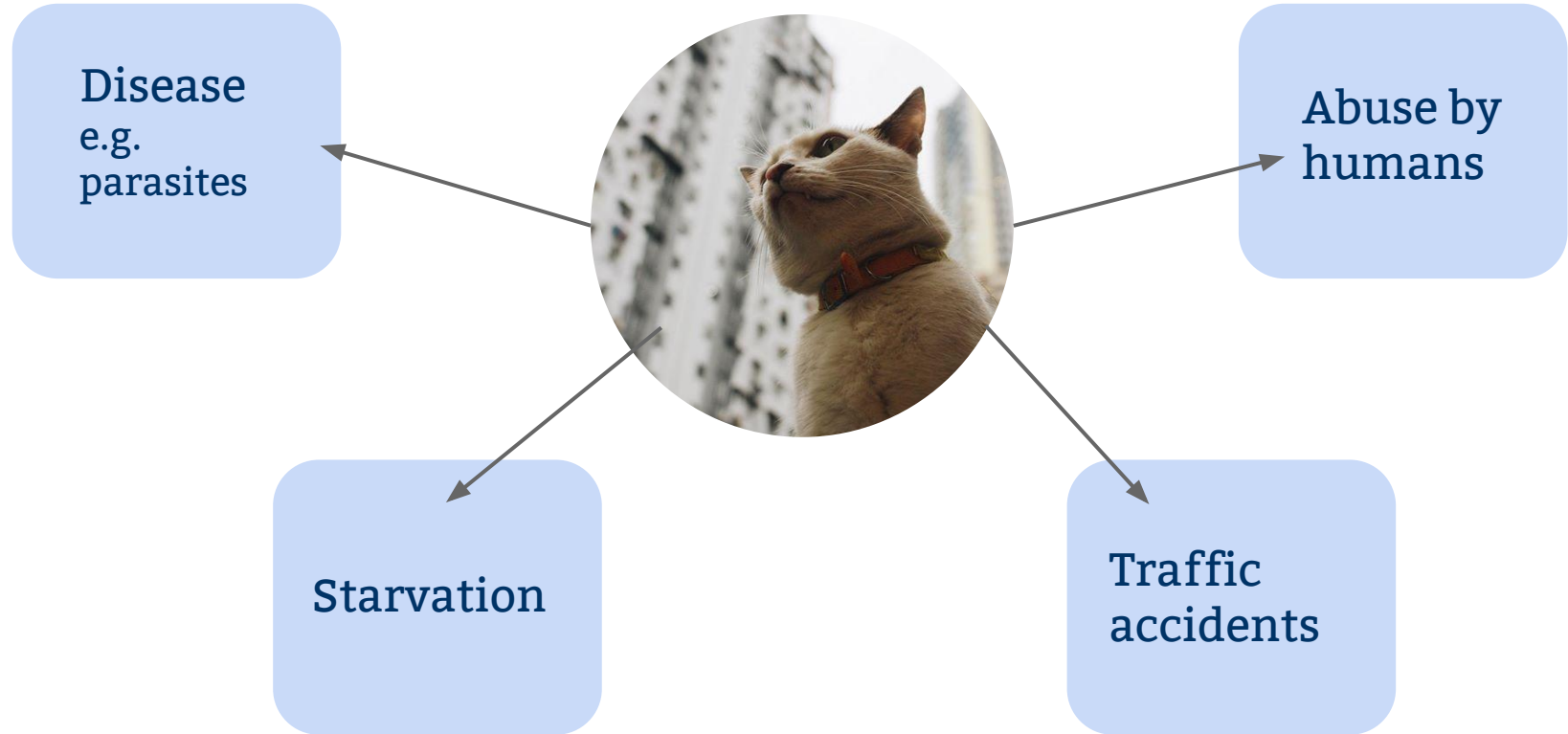


Number of street cats in HK

1. no data → the actual no. of street cats in HK
2. estimate the population from **Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)** and **Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)**:

2016-2017	AFCD	SPCA
no. of street cats caught	1053	1865
no. of street cats euthanized	449	586

Life of street cats



Case of cruelty to street cats

- Happened in July, 2017
- A serial cat killer killed **five cats** in **three months** in **Aberdeen**

Serial cat killer hunted

Local | Ellen He and Jane Lam 20 Jul 2017



Police are searching for a serial cat killer following the deaths of five cats in Aberdeen.

The latest case involved an eight-year-old tabby named "Tiger Mother" which was found dead on Tuesday on a slope opposite Wah Lok House, Wah Fu Estate. There was a wound to its right hind leg.

It was the fifth dead cat found in the estate's vicinity over the past three months, according to volunteers tending the animals.

TNR cats



- Cat Colony Care Programme (CCCP)
- by Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)
- since 2000
- approved by government since 2002

TNR cats



Objectives:

→ reduce
number of
stray cats in a
more humane
way than
euthanization

→ improve
their quality
of life
(less diseases)

→ reduce
nuisance
caused by
stray cats

TNR cats

>59,000

TNR cat

>1000

registered
volunteer carers

>1400

cat colonies (貓隻領域)

70%

target neuter
rate

>1,000,000

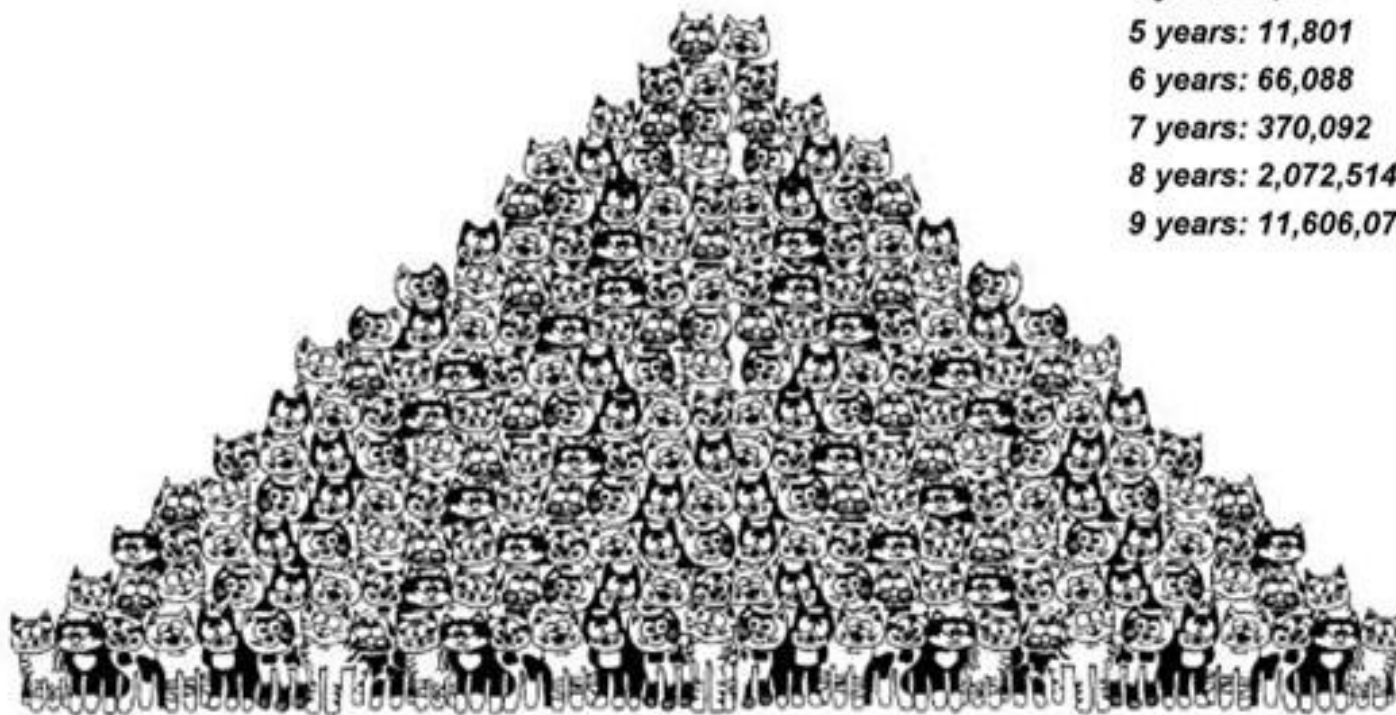
unnecessary births
prevented





**An unspayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring,
producing 2 litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per
litter can total:**

- 1 year: 12**
- 2 years: 67**
- 3 years: 376**
- 4 years: 2,107**
- 5 years: 11,801**
- 6 years: 66,088**
- 7 years: 370,092**
- 8 years: 2,072,514**
- 9 years: 11,606,077**



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TNR cats

TNR procedures:

1. Registered
volunteer carers
catch stray cats
and bring them
to SPCA

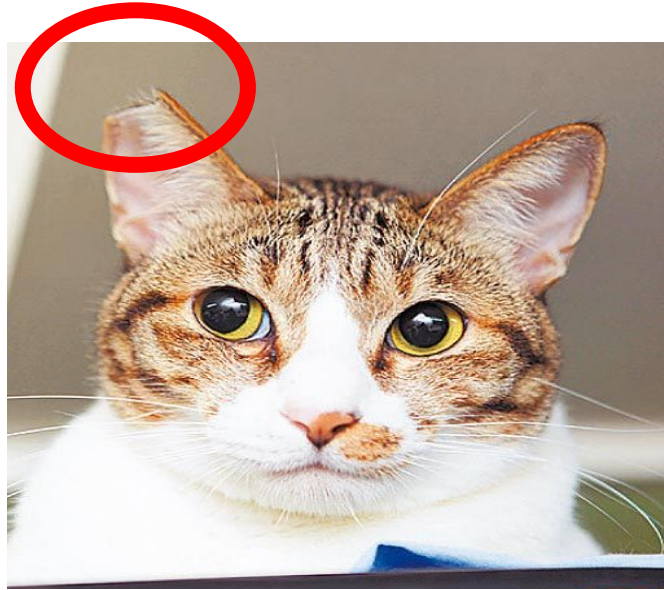
2. **Neuter**,
health check,
microchip,
vaccinate,
ear tipping

3. **Returned** to
the original
colony

4. **fed** by
carers
everyday



TNR cats



Male cat with right ear tipped



Female cat with left ear tipped

WHY TNR Cats but not Dogs?

- Public opinions
 - cat is less annoying
 - dog bark
 - dog is bigger



- Potential risks
 - Dog bite
 - cat run away

Support from stakeholders





香港群貓會
CATS SOCIETY (HONGKONG) LIMITED

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Version



No Kill, All Cure



SPCA
愛護動物協會

領養 成為會員 緊急服務 訂購電郵通訊 捐
網上訂購禮品 人才招聘

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動物朋友

ANIMAL FRIENDS

香港註冊慈善機構 Hong Kong Registered Charitable Organisation
91/11066

SPCA — Services

- accepts applications for registered carers
all year round
- runs a daily desexing clinic
exclusively
- free desex
- provide a health check and preventative
treatment



SPCA — Actions



1.
cat carer
interviews

2.
site visits

5.
educational
drives

3.
complaint
investigations

4.
arrange cat
trapping and
"catnip"

6.
meet with
District
Councillors

7.
stakeholder
meetings

Government

- Approved CCCP
- *No funding:*
99% of SPCA CCCP programs come from **donation**
- have support to TNR cow and monkey **but not cat**

99%
revenue
=donation



GET INVOLVED AND JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM TODAY

VOLUNTEER



1. daily feeding

3. check if any cats missing

4. provide post-op care when needed

6. catching the animals and send to the desex clinic

2. clearing left overs

Cat Society:800
SPCA:600 TNR
volunteers

5. Cats adoption day

Interview with a volunteer from Passion Catizen (熱血貓民)

Their duties:

→ to monitor and prevent cat killing in their **own field**

Their opinions on TNR:

→ TNR is **humane** and **effective** way to control stray cat populations

→ The biggest problem is **duplication of living environment** of human and animals



Benefits of TNR

To Human



Fewer stray
cats



Less smell

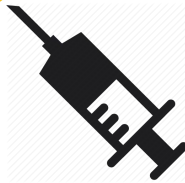


Less noise



Disease
reduction

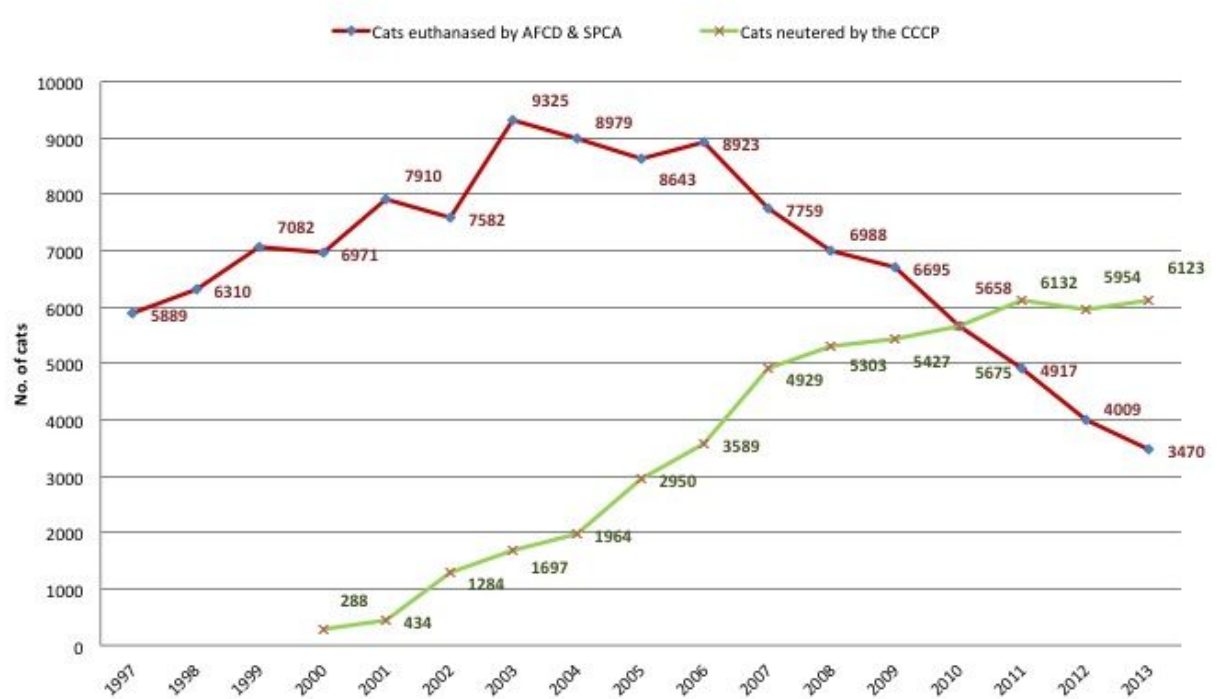
To Cats



Less euthanization

Results of TNR in Hong Kong



Cats euthanased vs Cats neutered under CCCP



Successful cases of TNR in other countries





University of Central Florida

 Cat population ↓
 Adoption ↑
> feral cats less aggressive


Control cat population

London

 Original colony size remained stable
 Complaints eliminated

Control individual colonies of cats

Florida

 Shelter cat impoundment in target area ↓ 66%
(non target area 12%)

Reduced shelter cat intake

Benefits of TNR

Stablization

Modest reduction of colony size

Reduced cat turnover

Healthier cats

TNR is **feasible** in
long-term
reduction of free
roaming cats

Difficulties



Difficulties of TNR (administration)

High cost

e.g. vaccination,
neutering

Difficulty in
distinguishing
the types of cats

abandoned pet cats?
stray cats?

Lack of
volunteers

~1400 helpers

Public's little
understanding
of TNR

e.g. our street
interviewees

Difficulties of TNR (Public opposition)

Strong opposition from some citizens who urge the government to **remove all** the stray cats from their neighbourhood

Difficulties of TNR (Public opposition)

*Why do citizens
oppose TNR?*

hygiene
problems

by
irresponsible
cat feeders

a source of
nuisance

deprive cats of
their

reproductive
rights



Suggested solutions

Public
opposition



educate
and
publicize

Lack of
volunteers



raise
awareness,
recruit
volunteers

Inadequate
funding



government
support and
subsidy



Conclusion

Cat TNR is effective

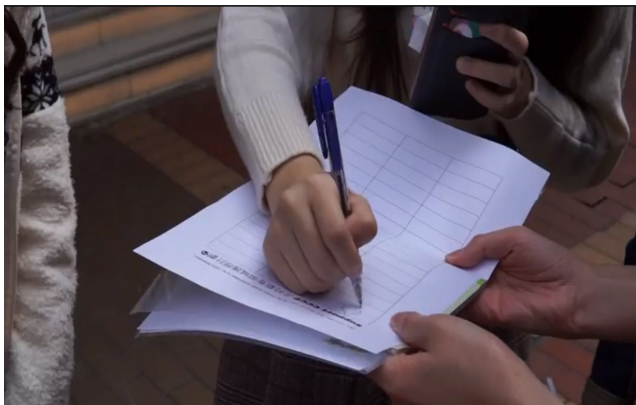
Continue implementation of TNR

Government should provide funding

Our petition:

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/hong-kong-government-should-provide-funding-for>

We collected over 50 signatures!



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Support CCCP 支持貓隻領域護理計劃

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THE END

Q&A