



## THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

[ Humane Society University ]

### TNR, Feral Cats & Wildlife Seminar Training Details

#### About the Course

##### **Morning Session – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Explore in-depth issues pertaining to Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) from a policy perspective:

- Definition of TNR and its potential benefits
- Alternatives to TNR and why they often fail, including trap and remove efforts and feeding bans
- Examples of successful TNR programs and keys to success
- Sheltering, public health, and animal welfare issues

##### **Afternoon Session 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Examine issues specifically related to feral cats and wildlife:

- Interactions between feral cats and "backyard" wildlife, such as raccoons, possum, songbirds, etc., and minimizing impacts through TNR and proper colony management
- Rabies prevention and training
- The Endangered Species Act and issues involving feral cats in critical habitat for protected wildlife species
- Collaborating with wildlife organizations to manage feral cat populations in sensitive wildlife areas, including examples of what has worked and what has not.

#### The Instructor

Bryan Kortis serves as executive director of Neighborhood Cats, a New York City-based nonprofit specializing in the management of feral cats using TNR. In addition to administering a citywide TNR program, Neighborhood Cats produces educational materials and conferences, assists in setting up communitywide TNR programs around the country, and is a leading voice for the humane care of feral cats. A consultant to The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) on feral cat issues, Bryan is the primary author of the award winning *The Neighborhood Cats TNR Handbook: A Guide to Trap-Neuter-Return for the Feral Cat Caretaker*, is the codirector of the instructional video *How to Perform a Mass Trapping*, and is a featured speaker at feral cat events around the country.

### **Positions held**

- Executive Director, Neighborhood Cats, Inc., 1999-present
- Consultant, The Humane Society of the United States, 2005-present
- Supervisor of NYC Feral Cat Initiative, city-wide TNR program funded by Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, 2004-present
- Founding member of New Jersey Feral Cat & Wildlife Coalition, 2005-present

### **Publications authored**

- *Implementing a Community Trap-Neuter-Return Program*, (The Humane Society of the United States, 2007) – *Winner: AKC Companion Animal Recovery Award*
- *The Neighborhood Cats TNR Handbook* (Neighborhood Cats, 2004) – *Winner: ASPCA Special Humane Award*

### **Videos directed**

- "Trap-Neuter-Return: Fixing Feral Cat Overpopulation," (The Humane Society of the United States, 2008 release)
- "How to Perform a Mass Trapping," (Neighborhood Cats, 2004) – *Winner: Best in Category, Cat Writers Association*

### **Speaking engagements: 2007**

- **Community & Colonies: Implementing a Communitywide Trap-Neuter-Return Program for Feral Cats:** Instructed seven two-day intensive training workshops on feral cat management sponsored by The Humane Society of the US & Petco Foundation: Sarasota, FL, Indianapolis, IN, Chicago, IL, Atlanta, GA, Brookville, NY, New Britain, CT, Jacksonville, FL
- **4-hour training workshop** at Animal Care Expo (The Humane Society of the US annual conference), Dallas, TX
- **Feral Cats, TNR & the Law:** presented at Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey annual conference
- **TNR and Wildlife:** presented at New Jersey Wildlife Society seminar, New Brunswick, NJ
- **National Feral Cat Summit**, Orlando, FL, lead speaker