

ICAM conference 2025 Day 2 - Questions and Answers

Presentation	Question	Answer	Answer Name
2.2	do you do flank spay or mid-line? why keep 3 days?	We use midline mostly! 3 days is the average healing time but we keep them longer if they need it!	Pallavi Kamath
2.2		OK interesting, we do same day release unless there is no owner or feeder to keep eye on, or if abortion/ pyo/ complications - then they stay longer	Ala Izydorczyk
2.2	Hello great presentation! Were feeders comfortable sharing cat locations via WhatsApp?	Yes, they were very comfortable getting on a Carer Collective group with us on Whatsapp and they would share the location of the unsterilised cat there along with their videos and pictures. This made it very easy for us to go and catch the cats at a later time.	Charu Khosla
2.2	'@Charu Khosla how did you manage the incoming data using a group chat and use it to plan your interventions?	The incoming data on Whatsapp from the carer collective was one major way to identify unsterilised cats. We would then make a plan to catch the cats identified in the group either by sending our cat catcher or then giving a sterilisation slot to the carer and requesting them to bring the cats in. We ensure that all identified cats are picked up within a week.	Charu Khosla
2.2	With dogs, eliminating rabies has improved the human attitudes toward the dogs (e.g. in Chennai, Blue Cross of India). What is the rabies situation with cats in your area?	Rabies has vastly decreased in Mumbai, thanks to extensive govt. and NGO efforts. It's rare in cats too but not eliminated. We vaccinate every cat we sterilise against rabies.	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	how do you survey female cats as sterilized or not, if cat is at that moment not pregnant nor lactating?	By their ear-notch! Most clinics thankfully practise ear-notching here so that's how we identify if they're sterilised or not. Very rarely do we come across a sterilised outdoor cat without an ear notch but it does happen.	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	'@mumbai project : what is your action when cat pregnant ? Have you seasonal activities ?	We spay pregnant cats too	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	So you do abortions. Have you ever wondered about the impacts this have on the mental state of a cat?	'@Maria : there is an urgency. Thank you @Pallavikamath !	Pallavi Kamath

2.2	<p>Our situation in Mauritius is no better.. We understand the sense of urgency. But with experience I have noticed that a proportion of these females that undergo abortions lose their will to live 😞 in an urgency, we shouldn't forget about the animal welfare. On the 200 abortions I've done, I've had about 43 cats that refused living eating or thriving afterwards.</p>	<p>if it's 43 out of 400 I would look for other explanations such as keeping feral cats in captive recovery too long or away from their territory too long or other medical factors, maybe the timing in the gestation of the spay rather than the abortion itself. Finding the actual cause should help you find a way to sidestep those bad timings. If you have a dataset you could look into other factors.</p>	Christian Pace
2.2	<p>Mumbai: Where did you keep the animals after sterilisation? And would it be possible to have a look at your surveys? Thank you so much for the information!</p>	<p>Hello, we keep them in our post-operative wards! And yes happy to share! If you email us at info@thefelinefoundation.com we can share them</p>	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	<p>It's a cat without an owner as long as they have no microchip or collar right?</p>	<p>No micro chipping is actively practiced in India. A cat without an owner is basically a cat with no collar. Not all cat owners will even put collars on their cats especially if they are indoor-outdoor cats where the owners let them go out. So it is possible that a cat without a collar has an owner or maybe just a feeder.</p>	Charu Khosla
2.2	<p>In Versova project did you use any telemetry device to monitor cat population / individuals.</p>	<p>No telemetry device as such but Google photos stores the GPS location of the picture taken</p>	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	<p>The feline foundation: How do you recruit caretakers/feeders in the communities? Do you provide any incentives for them to be involved in the project or is it purely voluntary?</p>	<p>These animal feeders are kind individuals doing it on a voluntary basis, so we try to recruit them through word of mouth, our clinic, or social media posts. Usually they are very motivated to sterilise their cats so that they don't increase in population. So we don't have to provide them incentives</p>	Pallavi Kamath

2.2	in Versova project: are disabled cats released back to the territory or are they held in a shelter? In general, where do the cats stay after surgical operations?	Cats who are disabled have an option of being moved to Cat Cafe Studio, our adoption implementation partner and sister organisation for their adoption program Disabled cats can be released as well if they have a feeder or a carer who is willing to take responsibility for their care and the area for them is safe and away from traffic.	Charu Khosla
2.2	Is there any way to prevent new cats from coming into a neighborhood which community cats have all been sterilized?	In Mumbai their population is so big that all the colonies inter mix. So unfortunately no way to stop new cats coming in. That's why we have to keep revisiting areas	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	Versova project was focused in urban or rural areas?	Versova is part of a densely populated suburb of Andheri West in Mumbai, India. It is an urban area.	Charu Khosla
2.2	Mumbai project : Do do you keep all the cats for 4 days post-op ? Is so why not only 1 or 2 days when there is no further complications with the surgery ? Thank you	3-4 days is generally the minimum time for post-op for us. Male cats can be released a little earlier but we keep bigger males a day or so extra just in case	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	how much subsidy if ever do you get from the government from your sterilisation program	The municipal corporation pays us per cat sterilised. They conduct an inspection at the end of every month.	Charu Khosla
2.2	Would flank spaying reduce the time you need to hold them in care?	Some doctors prefer flank spay and some midline, our vets use midline. We keep cats for average 3 days post-op as we've found that's the average healing time	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	mumbai project: Thank you!! is there a reason why you do not do paediatric sterilisation?	Not enough vets trained in paediatric sterilisation, so it's not common veterinary practice here.	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	am very interested in your method of determining the population within an area. do you encounter persons against your releasing cats?	Thank you! Yes sometimes they ask us to just take the cats away and don't want us to release them back. We have to explain what we're doing and that we have the authority of the local government	Pallavi Kamath

2.2	How do you sustain financially?	<p>We sustain through a variety of sources of funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individual donors 2. Corporate Partnerships 3. Foundations and grants 4. Government Partnerships 5. Low cost service fees 	Charu Khosla
2.2	Cat rabies is an emerging disease all over the world. How many cases have you seen in the population you are working with? Greetings from Yucatán México	We have ourselves seen maybe 1 or 2. It's less common in cats in Mumbai. We still vaccinate every cat with ARV.	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	Do any of the cats caught for sterilization receive additional medical treatment for other health issues (if required) at the time of sterilization?	<p>Yes, at the time of sterilisation we try to do everything we can as this might be their only chance for any medical intervention. This includes but is not limited to dental scalings, dental extractions, wound closures and more.</p> <p>Alternatively if the cat needs more intense medical intervention then we have the option of admitting them into our rehabilitation program as well where they will be hospitalised.</p>	Charu Khosla
2.2	TNR BRAZIL here, thank you for the wonderful work you do! Is there a reason you use ear notch and not ear-tip for identification? And have you consider using wildlife cameras for population assesement? we use it in here for some challenging areas, they work at night and it really helps with identification	Ear notch is more common here. But we also find it a little easier than identifying an ear tip. Sometimes cats have torn ears from cat fights/diseases and a V shaped notch looks more intentional. Also a little easier to see from several feet away	Pallavi Kamath

2.2	<p>Thank you for an excellent presentation and for the excellent work you'll do. How do you'll build an dmaintain such high standards of work, organisational and community culture and everything that has gone into the brilliant work you'll do?</p>	<p>Thank you!! We do a lot of internal reviews to keep identifying staff struggles. We also try to ensure we don't over extend ourselves but that is easier said than done</p>	Pallavi Kamath
2.2	<p>'@Pallavi: Are owned cats also ear-tipped when sterilized? Why I ask: for cases when cats were previously owned and after a while abandoned or relinquished</p>	<p>So in our sterilisation program we ear tip all the cats that come to us and also encourage owners to ear tip their cats as well citing that incase their cat ever gets lost it is important for them to be able to be identified as sterilised. But yes, as you mentioned that pet or owned cats may not always have an ear tip and if abandoned later it does pose a problem especially with female cats. We have had a few cases like this but they aren't very common.</p>	Charu Khosla
2.3	<p>Can you share some of your survey questions, please?</p>	<p>Hi Annabell, our survey included questions such as whether pet cats should be licensed and microchipped, how many cats an owner should be allowed to keep, whether they should be sterilised, and whether they should be allowed to roam outside an owners' premises.</p>	Anhui Lin
2.3	<p>Is microchipping compulsory for owned cats going outside?</p>	<p>Hi Claudine, yes all owned cats must be microchipped and licensed. Under our pet cat licensing conditions, pet cats are not allowed to stray outside the owners' premises, i.e. no roaming.</p>	Anhui Lin
2.3	<p>I am sorry if I missed this and you already said this, but is this mandatory licensing and microchipping applicable to the entire country of Singapore? Or just urban areas. Thanks! Natalia from Colombianimals.</p>	<p>Hi Natalia, it is a country-wide legislation.</p>	Anhui Lin
2.3	<p>How did the public react to mandatory licensing and pet ownership limits?</p>	<p>Hi Ashley, it was well supported by majority of the public across a wide range of groups including pet owners, non-pet owners, vets, community cat caregivers, NGOs.</p>	Anhui Lin

2.3	So far how many cat licenses have been issued?	Hi Vanessa, we have issued over 30,000 pet cat licences to date	Anhui Lin
2.3	what's the advantage of microchips	Hi Elly, microchips allow unique identification of each cat, and traceability to its owner or registered caregiver. This enhances accountability for the health and welfare of pet cats, and traceability in the event of a disease outbreak.	Anhui Lin
2.3	Singapore cats: what is in the goodie bags you send home with cats sterilized at the Spay Days?	Hi Stefanie, we have donations of cat food and treats, cat litter and educational materials on responsible pet ownership.	Anhui Lin
2.3	Thanks Dr. Lin. Is there by chance a decrease in number of feedback on comm or pet cats since the framework implementation?	Hi Vanessa, it is still too early to tell as the framework was only introduced in Sep last year.	Anhui Lin
2.3	Hi Dr Lin, how do you get the owners to microchip/ register? Is it of fear of penalty if they don't or are there benefits such as free vaccs etc?	Hi Ala, we have a two year transition period during which licensing is free. We carry out extensive education and outreach to create awareness of the new policy and how owners can microchip and license their cats. We also have free microchipping and licensing drives to make it as easy as possible for owners.	Anhui Lin
2.3	How much is the license? and is it renewed yearly?	Hi Althea, licences are currently free until 31 Aug 2026. Thereafter, a lifetime licence for a sterilised cat will cost \$35, while an annual licence for an unsterilised cat will cost \$90. Much more cost-effective for owners to sterilise their pet cats.	Anhui Lin
2.3	Hi, Dr. Lin. Is it a challenge to get caregivers to comply with feeding guidelines in Sinapore?	Hi Gary, many caregivers feed responsibly. However there are also transient feeders - colloquially known as "ghost feeders" - who often feed inappropriate diets, or leave behind leftover food and litter. These irresponsible feeders can tarnish the reputation of the responsible ones, and cause much tension in the community.	Anhui Lin
2.3	Great to see human behaviour change science referenced in design of interventions - would love to hear more about your work on this. Have you shared details of this at other scientific events?	Hi Melissa, we are intending to embark on HBC strategies in the next phase of our cat management journey - stay tuned :)	Anhui Lin

2.3	<p>Are you looking to eventually phase out Trap-Neuter-Release completely and remove all community cats from the streets? If you really want to embrace the "nature" badge for Singapore, it will be important to prevent the wildlife predation impacts from roaming community cats.</p>	<p>Realistically it would not be possible for Singapore to completely remove the community cats (due to the large population). A more realistic goal is to neuter as many as possible to keep the population down, and to get everyone to accept the community cats as part of the community.</p> <p>For the wildlife predation impact, thankfully most of our comm cats reside in residential areas where wildlife kills are minimized. Also, comm cats are generally not allowed in our nature parks and reserves. So that helps.</p>	Rene Ong
2.3	<p>Are you looking to eventually phase out Trap-Neuter-Release completely and remove all community cats from the streets? If you really want to embrace the "nature" badge for Singapore, it will be important to prevent the wildlife predation impacts from roaming community cats.</p>	<p>Thanks Bruce and Rene. Indeed, wildlife predation is not as much of an issue in Singapore as it is in other countries such as Australia and New Zealand. Our community cats are also often rather well fed by caregivers..</p>	Anhui Lin
2.3	<p>Thank you for the replies. Have you done any gut analyses of deceased community cats to check that they are not eating wildlife? Given that even well fed cats hunt, it may be worth testing that assumption that the community cats are not eating any local wildlife? I'm also interested in how you are able to keep community cats out of nature parks and reserves (and all wildlife vulnerable to cat predation inside nature parks and reserves). Thank you for your time!</p>	<p>Hi Bruce, no we have not done gut analyses. To clarify, feeding of community cats is not allowed in nature parks and reserves. Based on our surveys, most of our community cats reside in residential and industrial estates.</p>	Anhui Lin

2.3	<p>when implementing restrictions of numbers of animals owned - does that affect the number of animals adopted? Any tips on this? or are breeding laws strict in Singapore?</p>	<p>Hi Althea, a licence is required for breeding of animals for commercial sale, and home breeding is illegal. It is still too early to gauge the impact of ownership limits on adoption rates. Overall, we continue to promote adoption - HBC strategies and interventions could help.</p>	Anhui Lin
2.4	<p>Madalena - who conducted the nation-wide survey? Was it a government initiative? Or a coalition of cat enthusiasts and welfare agencies? Can you expand more on what the survey entailed? I.e. How long did it take to conduct, which stakeholders were involved, etc. Thanks!</p>	<p>Here is the link to the census conducted. It was made through the goverment with environmental funds https://www.icnf.pt/animaisdecompanhia/animaiserrantes</p>	Madalena Neves
2.4	<p>is the Public Veterinary Service involved anyhow in the project in Portugal? if so what is the role?</p>	<p>By law, most of the work should be done by the official veterinary services. Shelter teams should capture, bring the cats in to the shelter to be neutered and then released. The cats are microchipped under the name of the municipality. Of course this happens with great help from volunteers, caretakers and NGOs</p>	Madalena Neves
2.4	<p>So basically the veterinarian labour cost is on the public health budget? as it is here in Italy</p>	<p>Yes, it's all public funds through official veterinary services. Some NGOs also have public fundings</p>	Madalena Neves
2.4	<p>Do you know WHY the cat population has increased so much in Portugal?</p>	<p>That's a great and difficult question! Abandonment of cats, available resources on the streets and uncontrolled mating could cause the rise in the number of cats</p>	Madalena Neves
2.4	<p>hmmm yes, I wonder if decreased euthanasia rates have something to do with it. And human behaviour change - in the past (90s) owners used to drown unwanted litters of kittens & puppies - I'm speaking from Poland, but I'm sure used to be the same across Europe...</p>	<p>When euthanasia was made to control cat population, the number of cats didn't decrease at all, but kept on increasing. That lead to doing TNR in lisbon even before the law came out. But yes drowning unwanted litters is also a reality in portugal, unfortunately</p>	Madalena Neves

2.4	Do you have to neuter an entire colony or does it make sense to neuter individual cats?	Ideally the entire colony should be sterilized but there are always a few hard to catch cats. Catchers place traps to catch individual roaming cats, and also caretakers help and bring in cats from their colonies for neutering	Madalena Neves
2.4	Do you need a license from the government for TNR? I think in Santorini Greece you need to have such a license to make it legal.	Since 2017, the official method by law to control the population of cats in Portugal is TNR, which should be made by the official veterinary services. Previously it was made through culling. This is the link to the law released: https://www.pgdlisboa.pt/leis/lei_mostra_articulado.php?nid=2710&abela=leis&ficha=1&pagina=1	Madalena Neves
2.4	How do you identify the colonies chosen in TNR?	People from the community reach out and ask for TNR programme on the colony they care for. When capturing the cats, that location is registered to allow return to the same place and monitoring of the colony	Madalena Neves
2.4	Why does sterilising males have a greater effect upon pop'n size than sterilising queens? Dr Neves	I could'n find any research on the subject, as that was also one of my big questions. We considered that male cats can mate with multiple queens on a certain time period.. If anyone has research on this please share :)	Madalena Neves
2.4		I can't find specific resources but intuitively its females that are the priority and i remember many examples of that recommendation because 1 female can repopulate if she has access to a male, but any intact males cannot whelp a litter themselves. I think prioritising males is only advisable if you can tnr 100% of the males. I know AlleyCat advises prioritising females.	Jack Reece
2.4	what do you mean by immigration?	Immigration is the movement of cats to different colonies identified by the caretakers	Madalena Neves
2.4	Dear Madalena, can you expand on the concept of environment capacity?	The environment capacity is the maximum number of animals (in this case cats) that the environment can maintain, based on the resources available for cats to live in, such as food, water and shelter	Madalena Neves
2.4	Who is in charge of population estimation of stray cats? government? public agencies? private agencies?	The government doesn't hold responsibility for the estimation of stray cats, so private agencies can do that work, or researchers with government fundings ideally	Madalena Neves

2.4	Madalena, TNR BRAZIL here, thank you for your work! Is your research available online so we can read it? :)	Here is the link to my masters' dissertation on Veterinary Medicine. A subsequent paper is going through evaluation for publishing: http://hdl.handle.net/10400.5/96786	Madalena Neves
2.5	Stacy - how did you find the funding for the cat mobile? Was it through public donations? We want one!!	live answered	Stacy LeBaron
2.5	how hard was it to shift from unowned to owned cats? It is a significant paraign shift even for fundraising purposes. did you find resistance?	Hi Christian, For cats I haven't had issues fundraising for unowned vs owned cats since so many cats fall in a "gray" area. As your income level goes down the number of cats you have goes up. So that usually stops people questioning the needs for funding for cats.	Stacy LeBaron
2.5	Sorry is the community cat population calculator accessible for free?	yes it is. https://www.communitycatspodcast.com/community-cat-calculator/	Stacy LeBaron
2.5	are they using paper collars in San Diego with their RTF program?	Great question- I am not sure.	Stacy LeBaron
2.5	do you give out the paper collars or people make them? how are they fastened on?	Fastened with tape. Either option is fine.	Stacy LeBaron
2.5	in Europe it is illegal for non veterinarians to perform any veterinarian act to an animal	Veterinarians still do the surgeries but others do the organizing.	Stacy LeBaron
2.5	is the course available online?	yes it is. If you go to www.communitycatchampions.org after July 1, there will be a scholarship available	Stacy LeBaron
2.5	Does this mean that trap-sterilize-release works when the community is involved?	Yes, along with sterilization of owned cats in the community.	Stacy LeBaron
2.5	For the course, the link was not very visible from my phone. Can i please have it again? Thanks in advance	https://www.communitycatspodcast.com/events/university-of-the-pacific-community-cats-program-management-certificate-program-853-372/	Stacy LeBaron
2.5	How do you avoid health problems in cats with ear tip??	The ear tips have a sealant that is applied to the ear after the tip is made therefore preventing any bleeding/infection.	Stacy LeBaron

2.5	<p>Are the vets doing the neuter and spay surgery in the cat mobile volunteers ?</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>The veterinarians and technicians are compensated.</p>	<p>Stacy LeBaron</p>
2.5	<p>Anyone tests for FIP/FELV? what are the procedures taken if a stray cat is found positive? is it transferred to a sanctuary? treated and released or euthanised?</p>	<p>a cat with FIP is clinically sick so immediate treatment or euthanasia depending on triage assessment.</p> <p>As far as FIV as mating is a more significant mode of transmission through bites and neutered cats have lower rates of aggressive responses, return to field.</p> <p>FELV is spread through close contact and shared items and can therefore be a cat welfare issue for the wider cat community and owned animals. Practicing general disinfection in feeding stations is important for cat welfare. Isolate and rehome when you can but not all cat's welfare can be well managed in captivity. It is a tough decision to make but sometimes the best outcome for a population stands on the sacrifice of one cat.</p> <p>In the interest of other diseases for which testing is unreliable it best to keep exposure limited to the cats from the same area or colony, such as is the case for feline coronavirus which is what can mutate to its severe form (FIP).</p> <p>That said I haven't seen any of these routinely tested for locally in cat TNR.</p>	<p>Christian Pace</p>

2.5	<p>Anyone tests for FIP/FELV? what are the produres taken if a stray cat is found positive? is it transfered to a sanctuary? treated and released or euthanised?</p>	<p>AFAIC you can avoid many hardships by limiting expsure to the cats in the area by tackling one area at a time before moving on to the next. therefore giving you the standard procedure that limits exposure to strange cats and a moment to disinfect everything from top to bottom before they have to house a new colony.</p> <p>Minimising the amoutb fo time they are captive in recovery also helps with these diseases as the burden of captivity can casue flare ups of even cat flu and therfore also increase shedding. Therefore shorter recoveries reduce disease burden and spread too.</p> <p>Additionally, feral cats become even more stressed by captivity and often injure themselves. Another point in favor of surgical protocols that favor shorter post surgical holds.</p>	Christian Pace
2.6	<p>Thanks Mr. Eckman. May I ask whether the grant still opens for application and how much funding did you get for this cross country study?</p>	<p>The grant was through Battersea. I am not sure what the current criteria is but you can get more information from them directly - https://www.battersea.org.uk/what-we-do/working-with-other-rescues/battersea-grants</p>	Harry Eckman
2.6	<p>THanks for all the input. Do you have any suggestions for a sustainable vet-ngo network?</p>	<p>There are some good projects in Paros and Antiparos, Athens, Aegina and Rhodes that I know of</p>	Harry Eckman
2.6	<p>Greece: I'm currently founding an association for Santorini cats. I find it a huge challenge that the government doesn't support TNR. Safe feeding stations are needed after neutering, but cats are often poisoned. This can probably only be changed gradually through public education, for example, in schools, right?</p>	<p>I would be happy to share our reports and frameworks for addressing some of the issues in Greece once they are ready - hopefully towards the end of July.</p>	Harry Eckman
2.6	<p>Harry, can I please clarify if your organisation intends to support stakeholders to adopt TNR in Australia?</p>	<p>Jacquie Rand is doing a lot of work around this very thing in Qld. She needed to get gov permission to run the programmes. https://petwelfare.org.au/</p>	Ann Enright

2.6	Harry, can I please clarify if your organisation intends to support stakeholders to adopt TNR in Australia?	The framework we're putting together takes into account the full range of approaches to effective cat population management. Australia is a big place so it's not about having a single, country-wide strategy but an adaptable approach that looks for the most effective solution in each situation as it relates to those cat populations. Importantly, any recommendations within the framework are based on the insight gathering that was undertaken so it is reflective of what stakeholders themselves are wanting. TNR itself is one part of the solution but only as part of a wider humane cat population management approach.	Harry Eckman
2.6	Can you please share the link to sign up for the newsletter, Harry? Thanks!	You can sign up to the International Cat Care newsletter at the bottom of this page - https://icatcare.org/working-with-unowned-cats	Harry Eckman
2.6	'@Harry what variables did you find most fostered coherence?	Looking at the data, the major variable for fostering coherence is individual motivations - people who genuinely wanted to work together. This unfortunately doesn't seem to lead to longevity or sustainability. In a few cases, having a more structured approach, that gets stakeholders from different stakeholder groups, working together to achieve a range of goals. Importantly those goals aren't necessarily the same for each stakeholder. Municipalities would be more interested in reductions in complaints, whereas rescuers will be more interested in the welfare of cats. But as long as there is an understanding that both of these things can be achieved, then it's much easier to get that coherence.	Harry Eckman
2.6	what to Say to a politician that says that it's enough to do a census every 5 years as we do with humans	For CPM, regular, local, colony based census and counts are often more valuable to show the stabilisation and changes in cat numbers and colony dynamics. These are the things that can really show the impact of effective CPM. When you combine all this local data, it provides a picture across a wider area and indicates whether things are working or not. This can then be used for political lobbying.	Harry Eckman

2.7	Can I use the Talea for my own animal clinic only?	Talea is for street surveys, not for collecting data in clinics. But an animal clinic is welcome to use Talea - you do not need to be an NGO or researcher - its available to everyone. Just check out website for how to sign up and watch the webinar to get started. https://www.icam-coalition.org/webinar-talea/	Elly Hiby
2.7	Hi Elly, can you explain again why you don't record the color of the cat?	Because it takes up a lot of precious survey time to assess and record coat colour - and we don't really have a change in coat colour as one of our desired welfare or population impacts. Its about efficiency in our surveys, focusing on what really matters in terms of the difference we want to make to cats.	Elly Hiby
2.7	Sorry if I missed that info. But how do you extrapolate the number of cats when doing a transect count (when we want to TNVR 80 % of the colony)?	If you mean to calculate a total population estimate, I tend not to extrapolate. I just stick with the basic counts. Your coverage - whether you are reaching 80% of the cats can be measured by the % of ear tipped cats in those cats that you count - e.g. I count 10 cats on this street and 6 have ear tips - that's only 60% coverage. We are assuming this indicator count is an accurate reflection of the wider population.	Elly Hiby