

Christmas Community Cat Survey is now open (Maine)

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QR Code Link to This Post The Christmas Community Cats Survey is OPEN until January 15, 2018!

The Christmas Community Cat Survey is OPEN and ACTIVE. To find the survey link, go to Communityspayneuterclinic.com and click on the survey link on the front page.

Please follow link to contribute 2017 **information on Community Cats you have SEEN OR HEARD OF **Don't worry, you do not need to give us information that would identify cats' exact location. The survey will close January 15, 2018.

What is the Christmas Community Cat Survey?

Have you heard of the Christmas Bird Count? That is a count that is repeated in exactly the same way every year at exactly the same time of year, so that year-to-year comparisons of population counts can be compared, and over time, long-term trends can be distinguished.

Citizen Scientists are critical to the success of these sorts of counts.

In the same way, the Annual Community Cat Survey is a standardized method for counting Community Cats (cats that are unowned and live exclusively outdoors, including so-called barn, feral and stray cats). This Survey will be conducted during the same time each year. Conducting the survey at the same time every year will allow year-to-year comparisons to be made, so that populations of unowned cats, and their spay-neuter status, can be tracked over time.

Why is this important?

The reason it is important to track Community Cat populations over time and to map these, is to provide at first, information on where spay-neuter work has been done and where large groups of unsterilized cats still occur; and second, over years' time, if and when spay-neuter work is working to reduce colony size.

Already, the Community Cat Survey is helping to identify where spay-neuter work is needed. In 2014, the Community Spay-Neuter Clinic conducted the first Annual Community Cat Count. Using information from Citizen Scientists and volunteers, we counted 1,000 cats in 767 different locations. This year, the Community Spay-Neuter Clinic has asked groups to submit cat population data where identified as local regions in Maine.

Please contribute this information for cats you know or have heard of. Again, we do not ask that you provide any identifying or location information.

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