

'Cats Anonymous' Group Keeps Stray Litters Down

In less than a year in existence, the group has spayed or neutered more than 200 feral felines.

The volunteer organization Cats Anonymous, which was formed by animal lovers in Wisconsin last year, says it has spayed or neutered more than 200 felines in less than 12 months of existence.

If even half of those cats - and probably more were females - had, say, three litters a year and each litter was four or five cats, I mean, just do the math. It's just incredible, group founding member Vicki Becker told WBAY-TV in Green Bay.

Under a trap-neuter-return process, Cats Anonymous volunteers use live traps to safely catch the feral cats. Then local veterinarians volunteer to spay or neuter and vaccinate them.

After that, the cats can be brought back to where they came from. Young kittens found by the group are adopted through its website: www.catsanonymous.org.

Cats Anonymous was formed in response to proposed state legislation that would have allowed people to shoot feral cats. Although the legislation ultimately failed, local cat lovers decided it was time to take action.

It's not the type of results you're going to see overnight or even maybe in my lifetime, but the Humane Society will notice fewer stray cats being brought in, fewer kittens being found, if we're able to get to them in time, Becker said. Posted: April 6, 2006, 5:00 a.m. EST