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Impact of TNR on Intake & Euthanasia: Case Studies

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- Humane Society of Tampa Bay performed a targeted TNR project from July 1, 2010 – Sept. 1, 2012
- Target Area:
 - Zip code 33612 (Tampa, FL)
 - pop. 44,600
 - 2nd highest cat intake zip code to the county shelter
- 2,920 free-roaming cats spayed or neutered



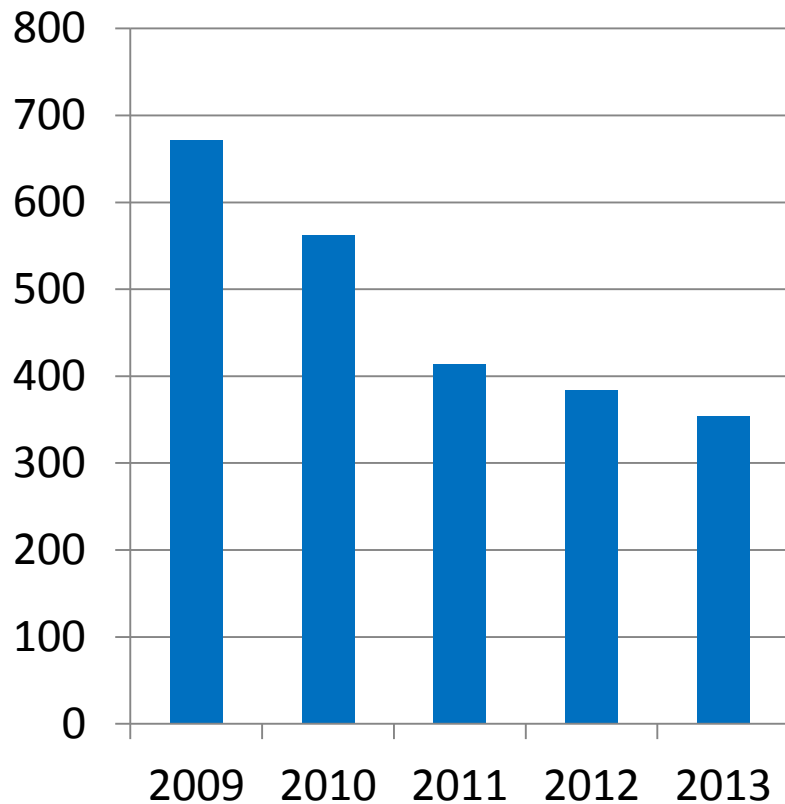
Methods: Humane Society of Tampa Bay



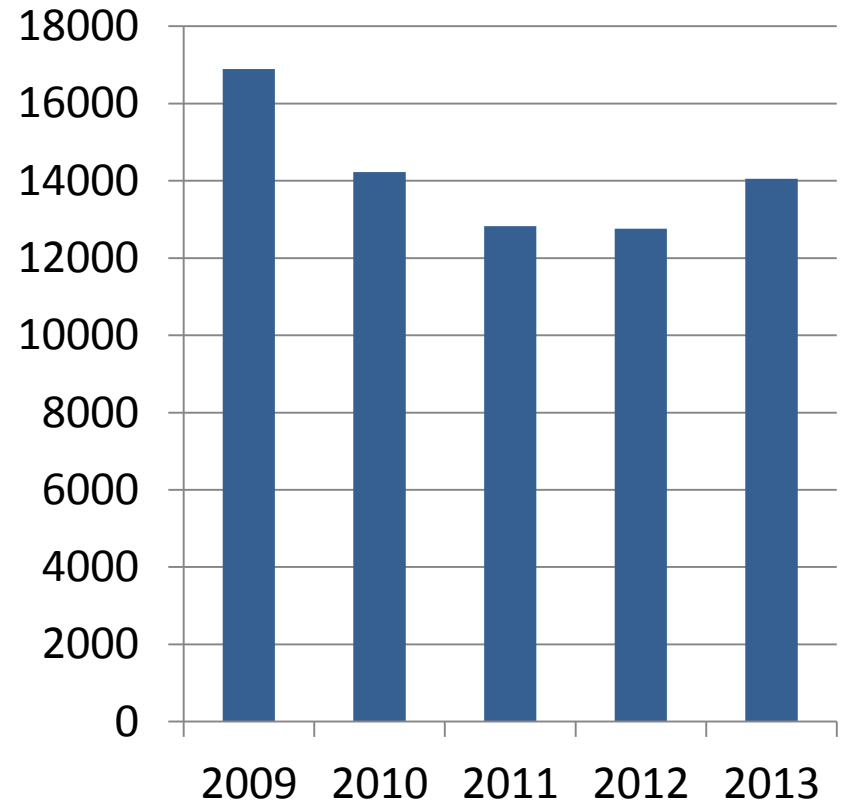
- Full-time paid trapper supported by volunteers
- Block-by-block approach
- Wrapped vehicle
- Yard signs



Hillsborough County Animal Services Cat intake



Zip 33612: -47%
(cf. 2013 to 2009)

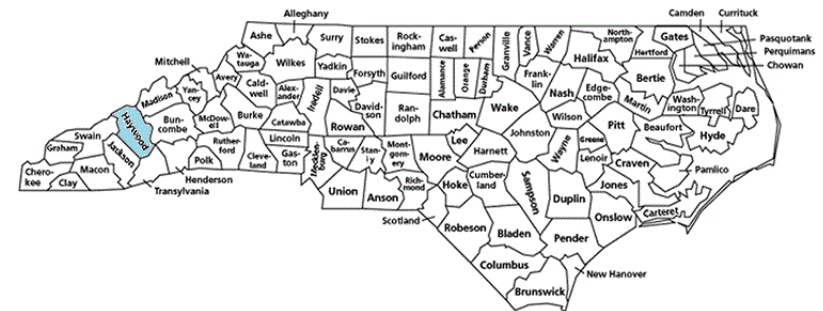


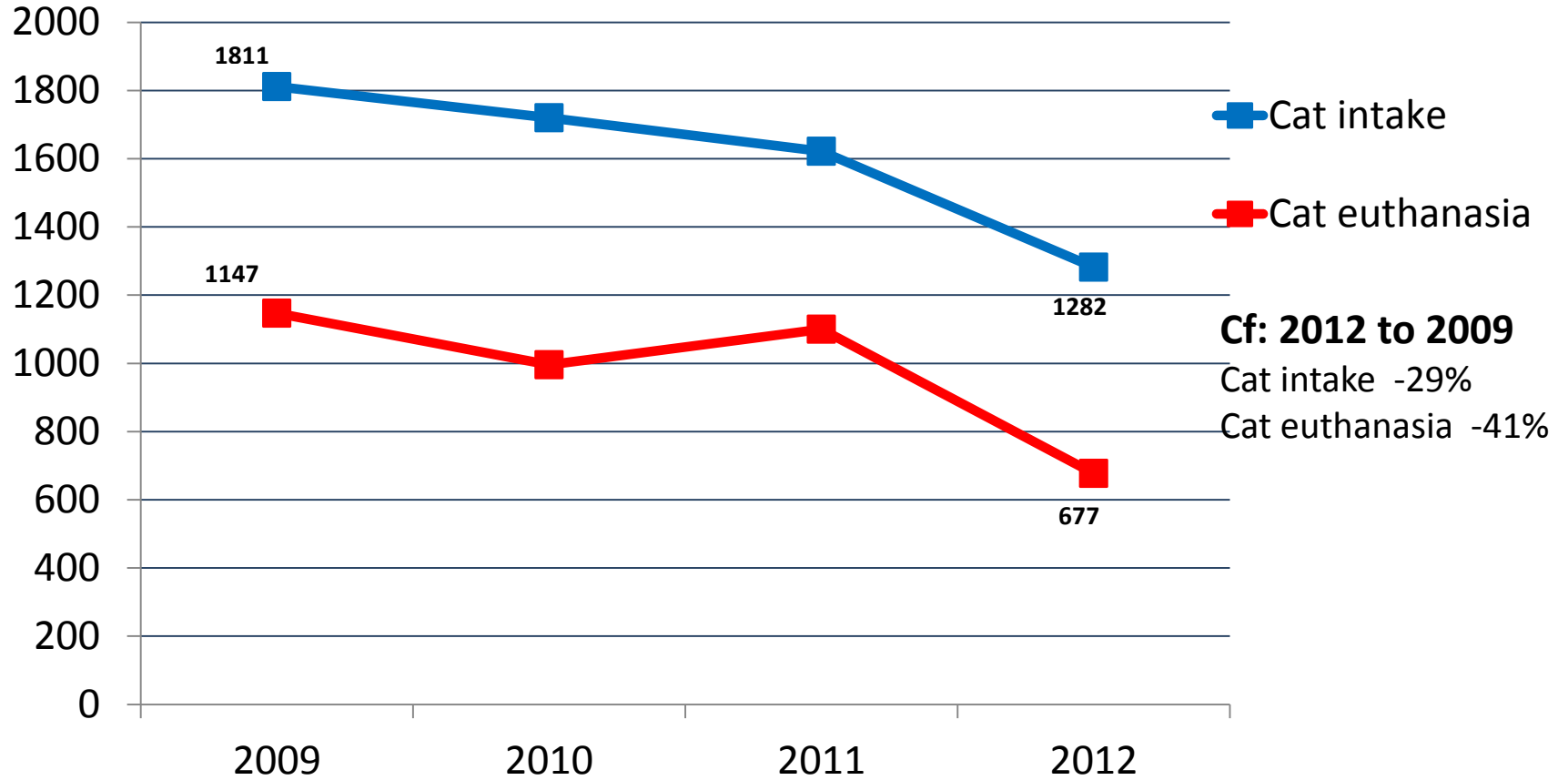
Outside zip 33612: -17%
(cf. 2013 to 2009)

Haywood Animal Welfare Association / Haywood County Animal Shelter Waynesville, NC



- From July 1, 2010 through Dec. 31, 2012, Haywood Animal Welfare Association spayed and neutered 1,226 free-roaming cats with grant funds
- Target area: Haywood County, NC (pop. 59,000; 555 sq. miles)

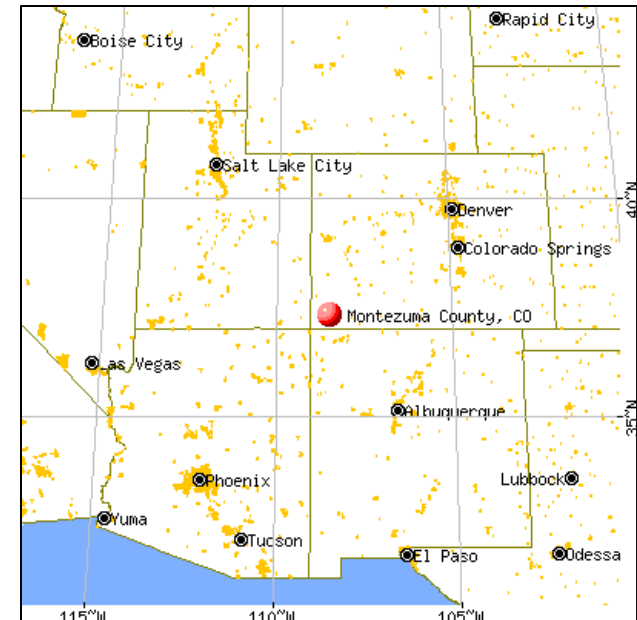


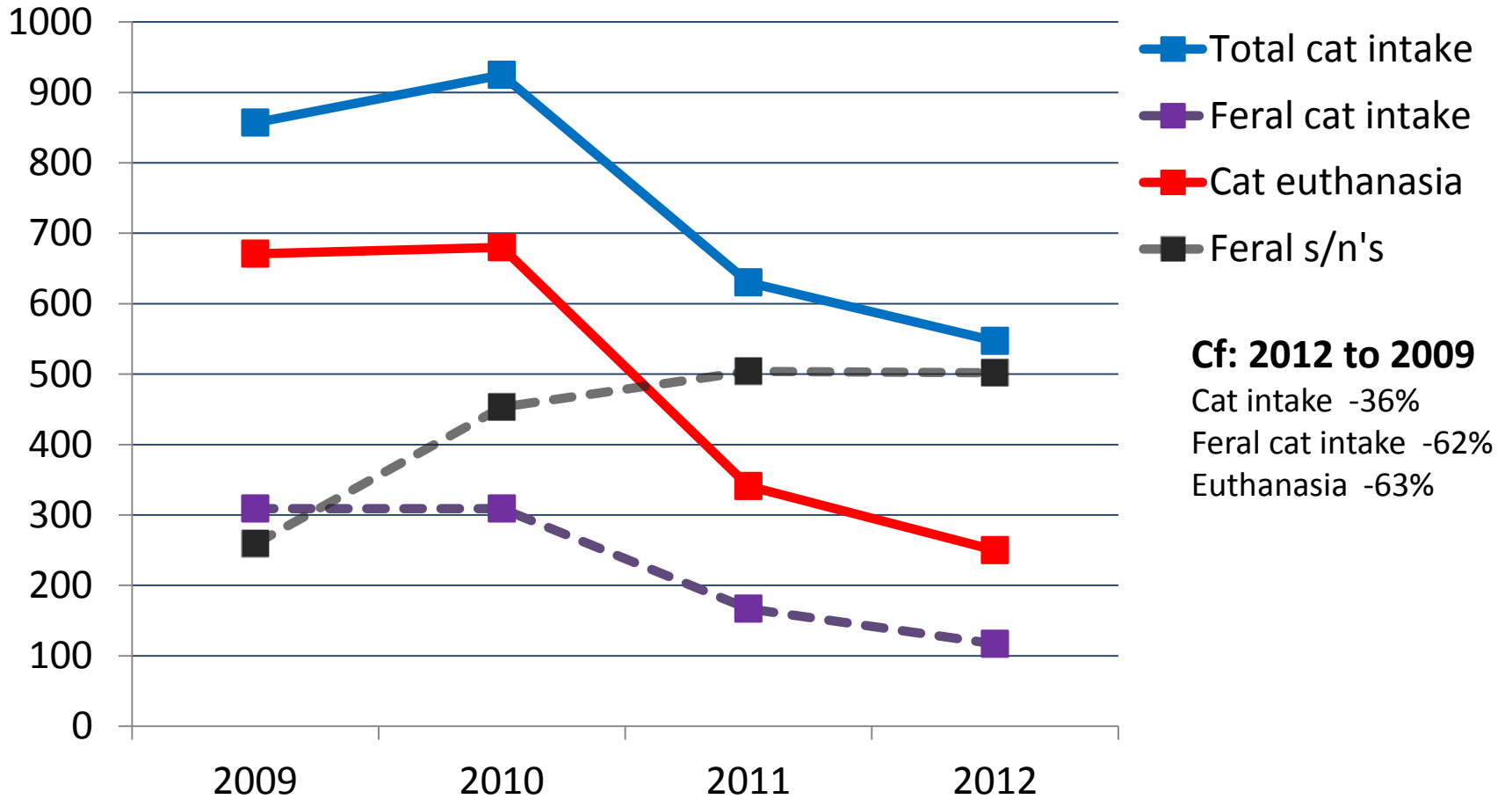


For Pets Sake / Cortez Animal Shelter Montezuma & Dolores Counties, CO

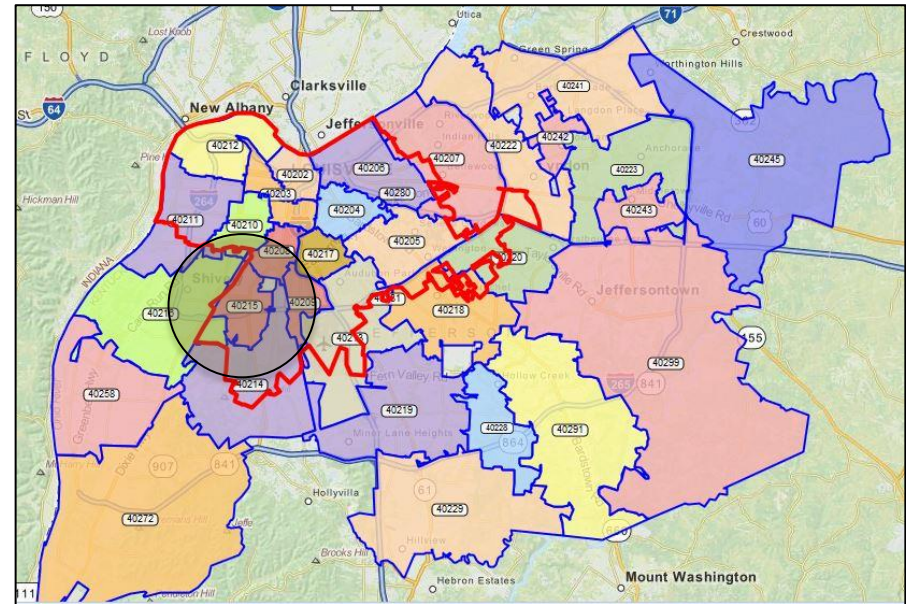


- From 2009 through 2012, For Pets Sake spayed and neutered 1,718 feral cats
- Target area: Montezuma County (pop. 25,000; 2,040 sq.miles) & Dolores County (pop. 2,000; 1,068 sq miles)
- Cortez Animal Shelter was the open admission shelter for the area

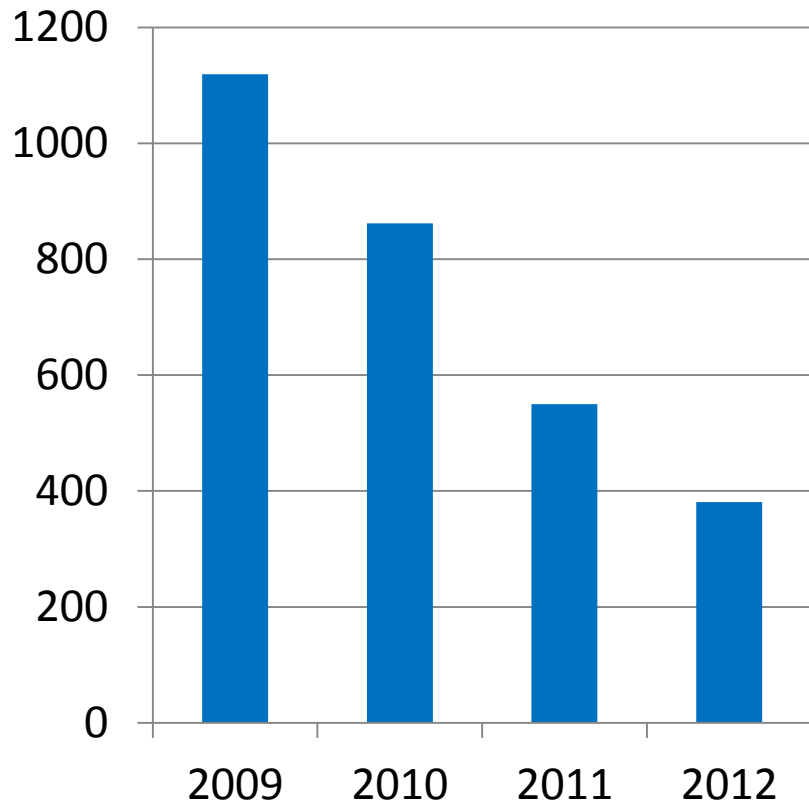




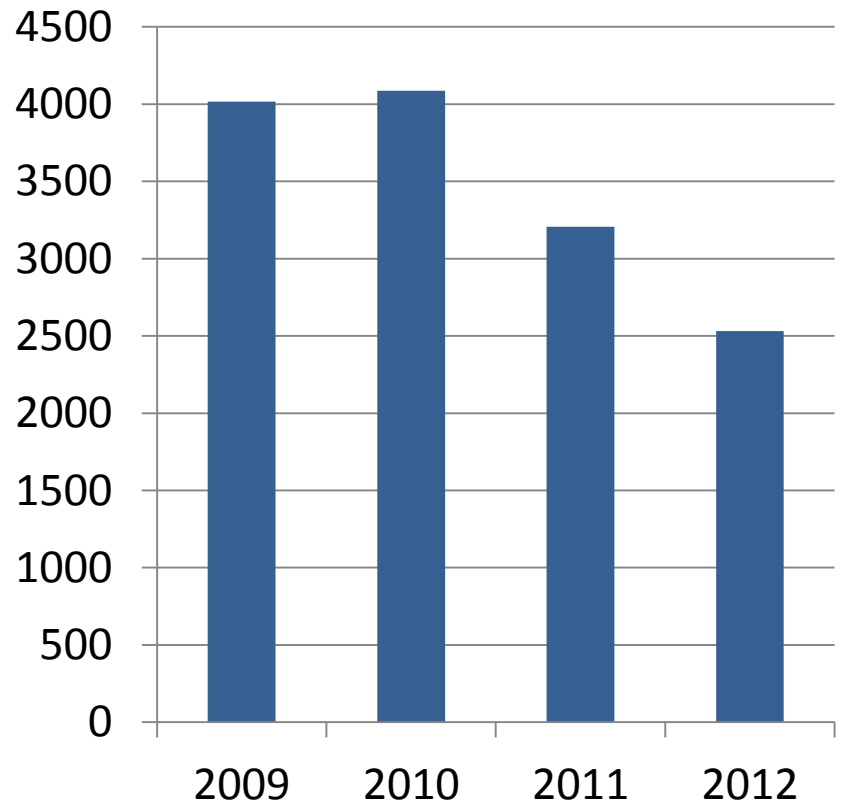
- From Jan. 15, 2010, through Dec. 31, 2012, Alley Cat Advocates altered 2,000 free-roaming cats with grant funds
- The original target area was zip code 40215 (pop. 22,287) in Louisville, KY
- After 1,200 surgeries on cats in 40215, the target area expanded in July 2011 to include multiple additional zip codes



Metro Animal Services Cat intake



Zip 40215: -66%
(cf. 2012 to 2009)



Outside zip 40215: -37%
(cf. 2012 to 2009)

Return to Field program

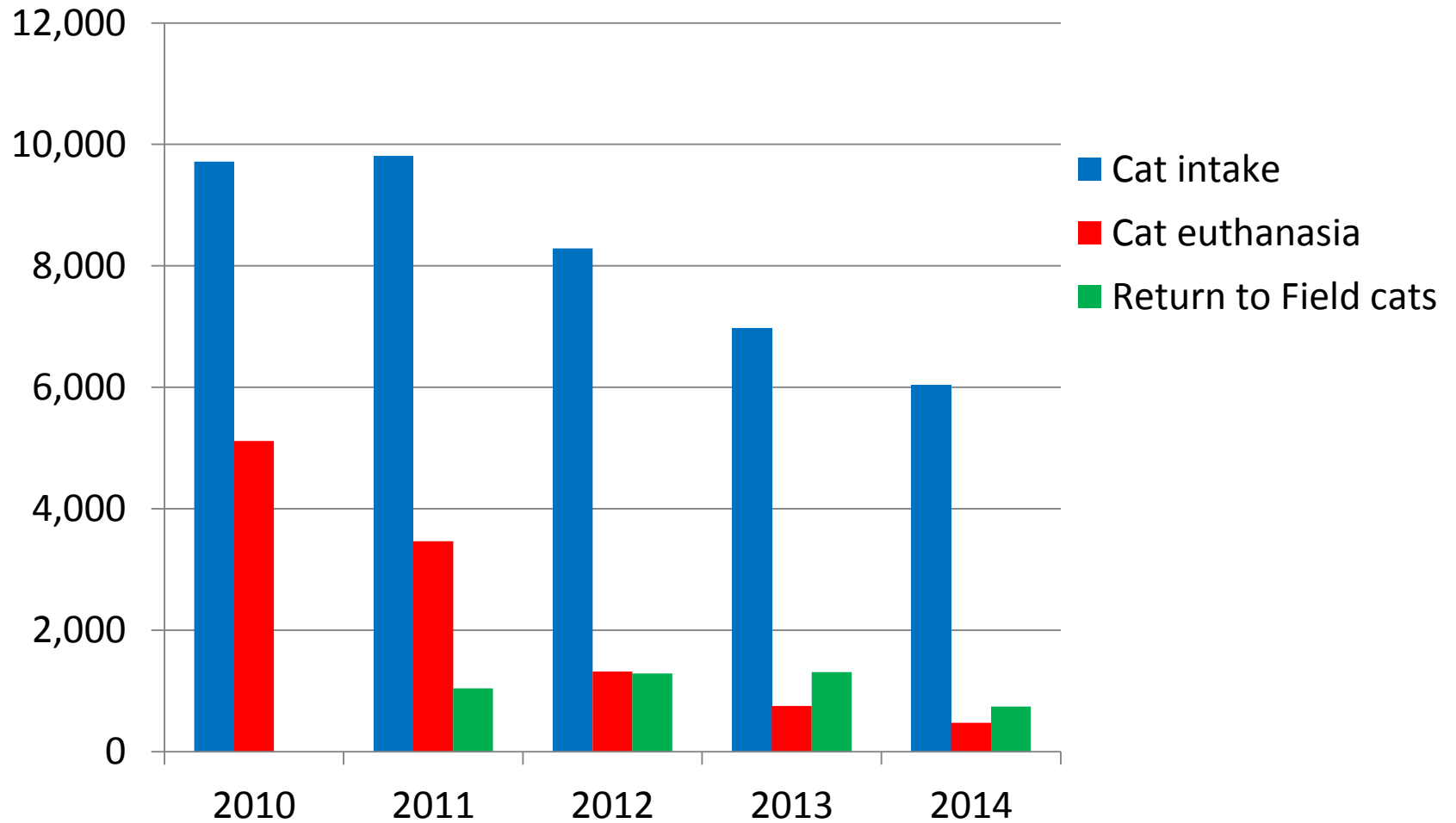
- Launched by Albuquerque Animal Welfare Dept. (municipal open admission shelter) in 2011
- No targeting

Community Cats Project

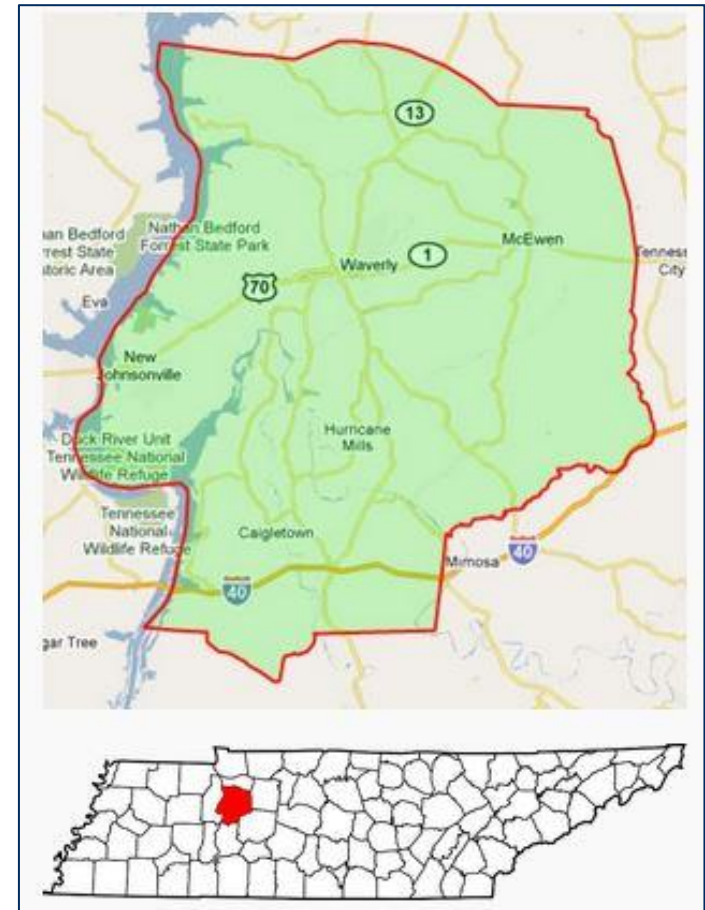
- Partnership of Best Friends Animal Society, PetSmart Charities & Albuquerque Animal Welfare Dept.
- Combined Return to Field with colony-level targeting
- Launched on April 1, 2012

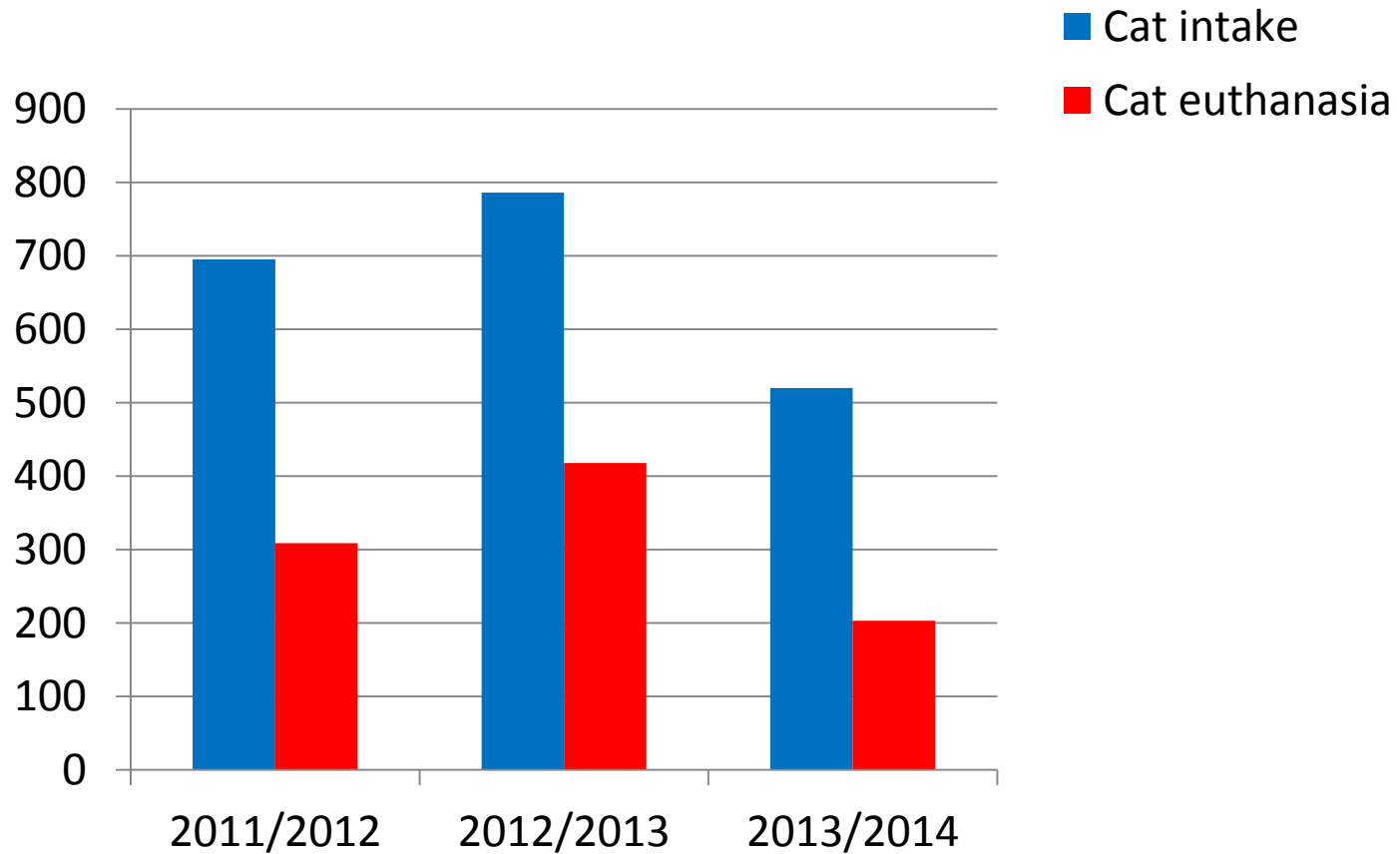
Targeted TNR

- Collaboration of Animal Humane New Mexico & local TNR group (now Street Cat Hub)
- Community-level targeting of multiple zip codes. Begun in July, 2010



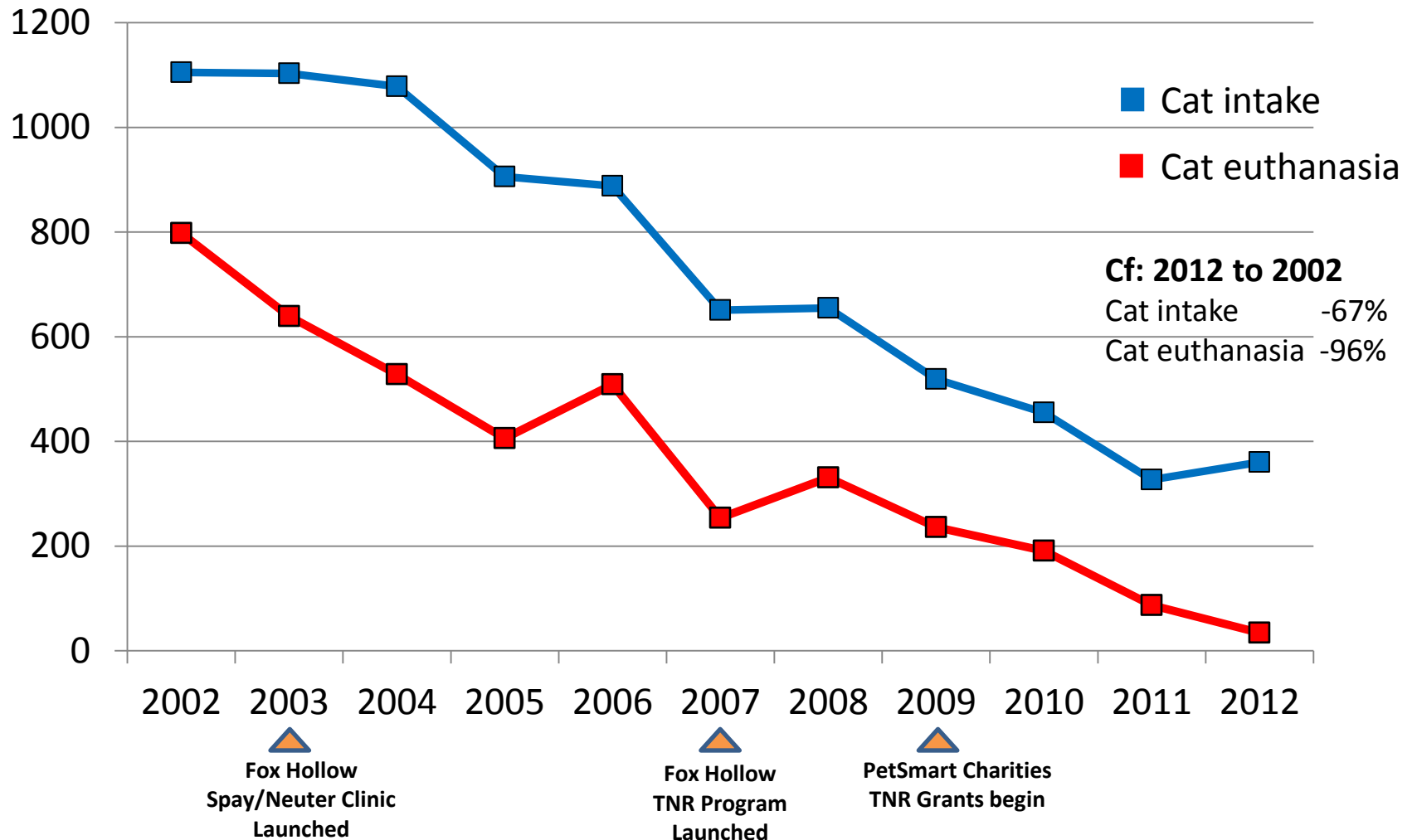
- From May 2013 through July 2014, Humphreys County Humane Society spayed and neutered 580 free-roaming cats with grant funds
- Target Area: Humphreys County, TN (pop. 18,500)
- TNR was introduced to replace euthanasia as standard animal control policy for feral cats at Waverly Animal Shelter



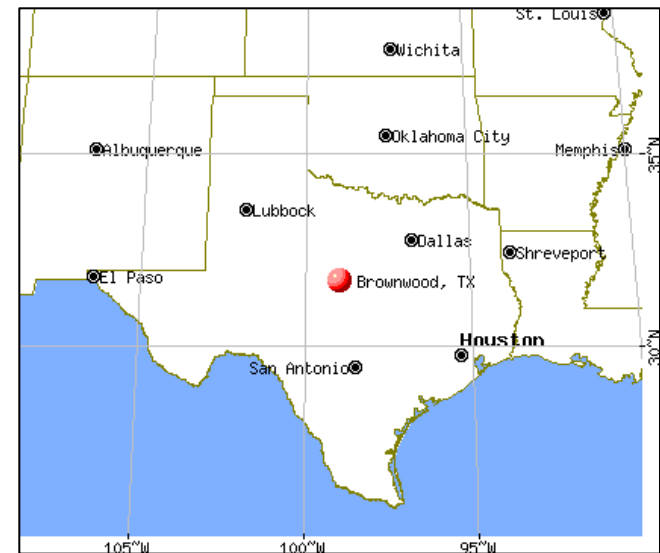


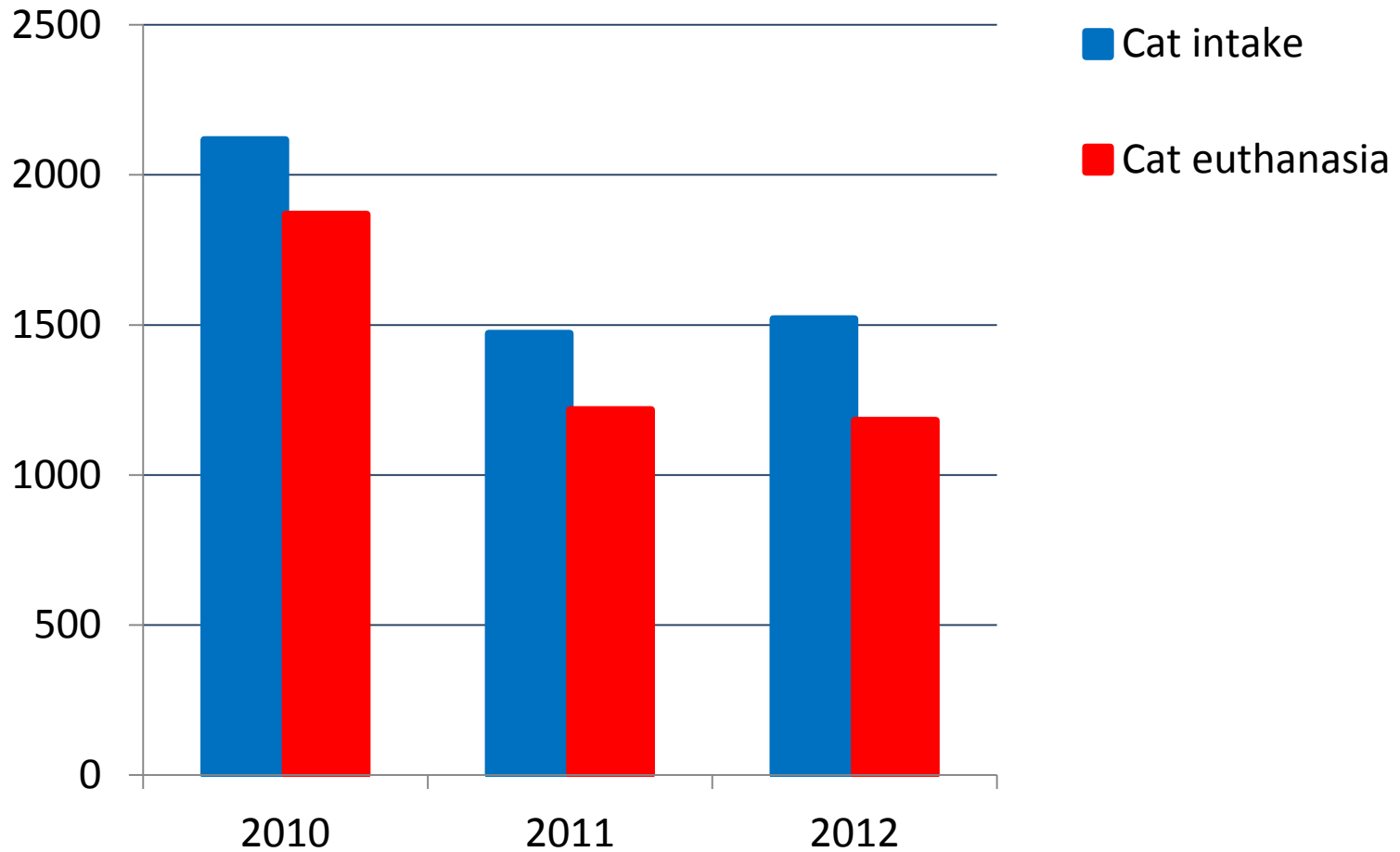
- Target area: Ravalli County, MT (pop. 40,500; 2400 sq. miles)
- Bitter Root Humane Association was area's open admission shelter with 90% of cat intake from Ravalli County
- Non-profit Fox Hollow Animal Project (FHAP) operates in Ravalli County; opened spay/neuter clinic in 2003
- FHAP launched TNR program in 2007
- From July 2009 through January 31, 2013, FHAP received grant funding for 1,729 spay/neuters of free-roaming cats





- Brown County HS was the open admission shelter for Brown County (pop. 38,000) and surrounding counties
- From June 21, 2011 through Feb. 27, 2013, Brown County HS used grant funds to spay and neuter 738 free-roaming cats in Brownwood, TX (pop. 19,300), the county seat of Brown County





History

- First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) asked Jacksonville Animal Care & Protective Services (JACPS) to return eartipped cats brought to the county shelter to their colonies
- JACPS director offered to return all feral cats, eartipped or not
- FCNMHP received funding from Best Friends Animal Society
- “Feral Freedom,” the first large-scale Return to Field program, launched in August 2008
- Volume of TNR surgeries in community rose from 500 in 2008 to 11,000 in 2012



