



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CATSACHUSETTS?

**How we can work together to ensure we
leave no cat behind?**

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A presentation on what's going on in the animal welfare world for cats here in Massachusetts and how we can all work together to ensure that every cat gets the help they need in their community.



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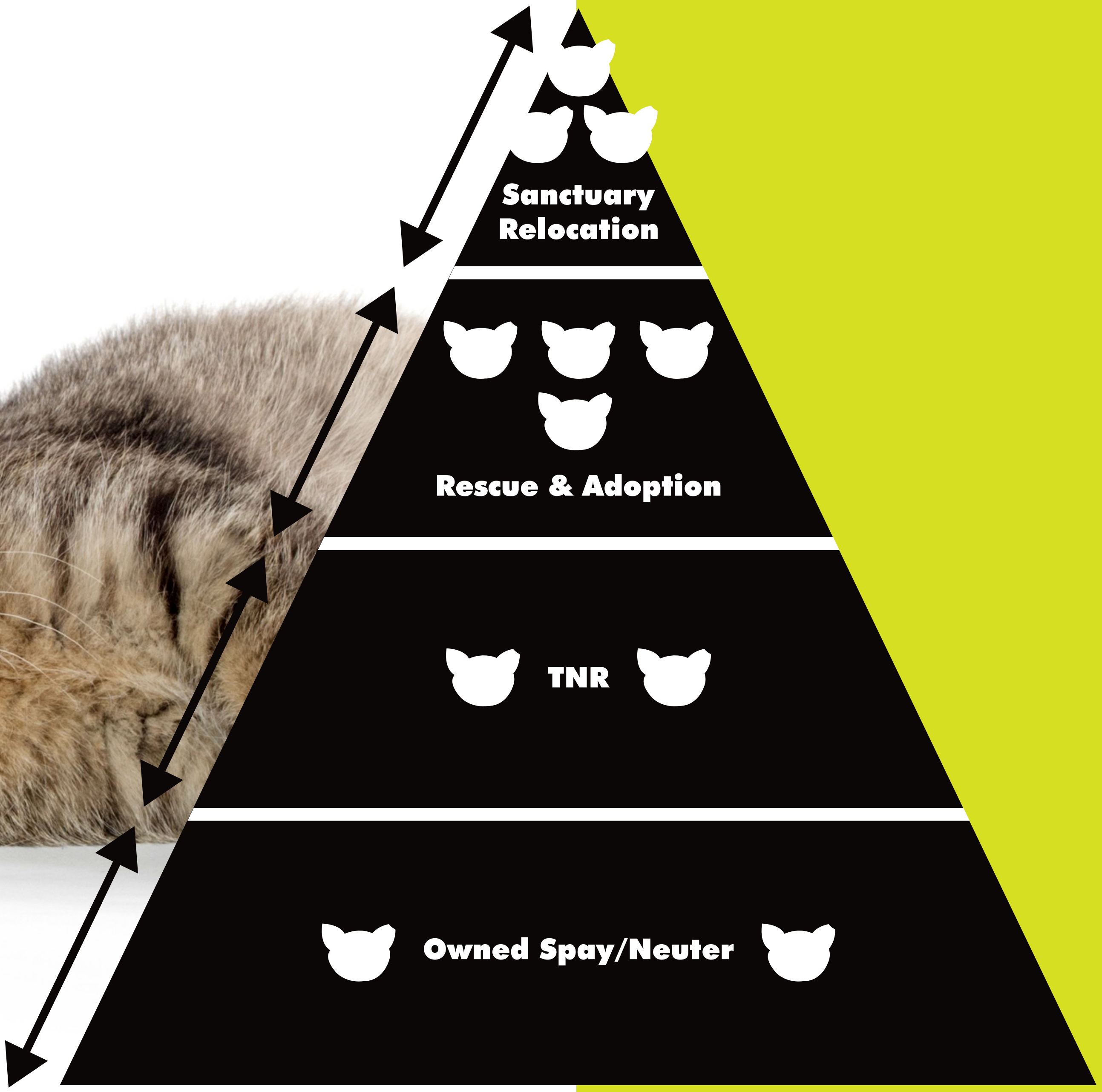




Current State of Affairs for Cats in MA

- Numbers of cats in shelters are low, but we are unsure about the numbers of outdoor cats
- Numbers of requests for financial assistance are higher than ever per the Mass Animal Fund
- Shelters are trying to figure out what to do/be next
 - *Importing?*
 - *Wellness?*
 - *Breeding?*

How did we get here?



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TNR

- What is it and how has it been used around the state
- It's still important, particularly in certain areas in MA
- Why it's a good thing
- Any questions about TNR?
- You may hear the term "Return to Field" too
- Visit Charles River Alleycats booth for more information on TNR

What happens next?

- We're all part of the cat care community
- We are more alike than different
- Time to learn to work together!



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How can YOU help?

- Small scale: helping cats in your own backyard
- Larger scale
 - *Say hi at your local shelter & become a supporter*
 - *Share what you know about cat wellness and specific breeds*
 - *Idea: fundraising to support specific breeds*
 - *Support programs like the Mass Animal Fund and MAC License Plate*
 - *Consider joining Masscats (masscats.org) or MAC to be part of statewide conversations*



Join us!

Boston Homeless Cats Meetings

Open invitation! Next meeting is May 20th at 6pm at ARL Boston. For more information, visit the Boston Homeless Cats Facebook Group.

Online Kitten Conference

Last few days of early bird sign-up!



THANK YOU

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