



Training

One of the Keys to a Successful Trap Neuter Return Program

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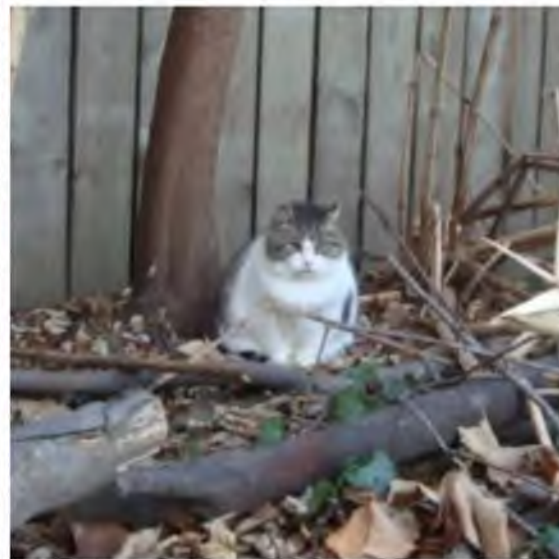
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Presentation Objectives

- Formation & Reasons for Being
- Basis for Training
- Successes and Challenges
- Questions



Sample Colony



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The Beginning

- Formation of a Coalition:
 - How do we work together?
 - How do we fill the clinics?
 - How do we complete colonies?
- **Coalition's Initial Organization**
 - Eight members representing **organizations** that have volunteers: TAS, THS, OSPCA, TSC, AAC, CCT, TCR, ACR
 - Key Challenge - Building Trust between organizations

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Resources

- To successfully form a Coalition:
 - Must read **The Humane Society of US** document
 - “Implementing a Community TNR Program”
- Coalition members fulfill different roles for TNR program
 - Coordinator/Lead Agency (TAS, AAC)
 - **Education (workshop & instructors) (CCT)**
 - Veterinarian (TAS, THS, TSC, OSPCA)
 - Trap Banks (TAS, THS, OSPCA)
 - Coaches (expert trappers) (ACR, TCR, CCT)
 - Foster care: caretakers, rescue groups, & shelters
 - Animal control (TAS, OSPCA)
 - Forum for involved groups (TAS, AAC)



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What we do

CCT – What We Do:

- **Education** for colony caretakers & community stakeholders
 - Only **formal education program recognized** by the TFCC
- **Certificate** is needed for **access** to
 - **Free S/N clinics**
 - **Recovery Centre**
 - **Food Banks**





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TORONTO

This will certify that

Jane Doe

attended

***Trap-Neuter-Return:
How to Manage a Feral Cat Colony***

**a caretaker training workshop
held in Toronto, Ontario on January 7, 2017**

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What we do

CCT – We also:

- Maintain a **database** of colonies
- Maintain a **Yahoo group** – colony managers
- **Build strategies** to address the feral cat population
- **Encourage collaboration** between groups and local government



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CCT – Why Focus on Training

- Helps to ensure **success** of the TNR program in Toronto
 - Focus is on whole colonies
 - Focus is on specific areas
- Ensures **limited resources** offered by the Coalition are **used wisely**
 - Do not want free S/N clinics used for pets
 - Only want them used for cats going back outside

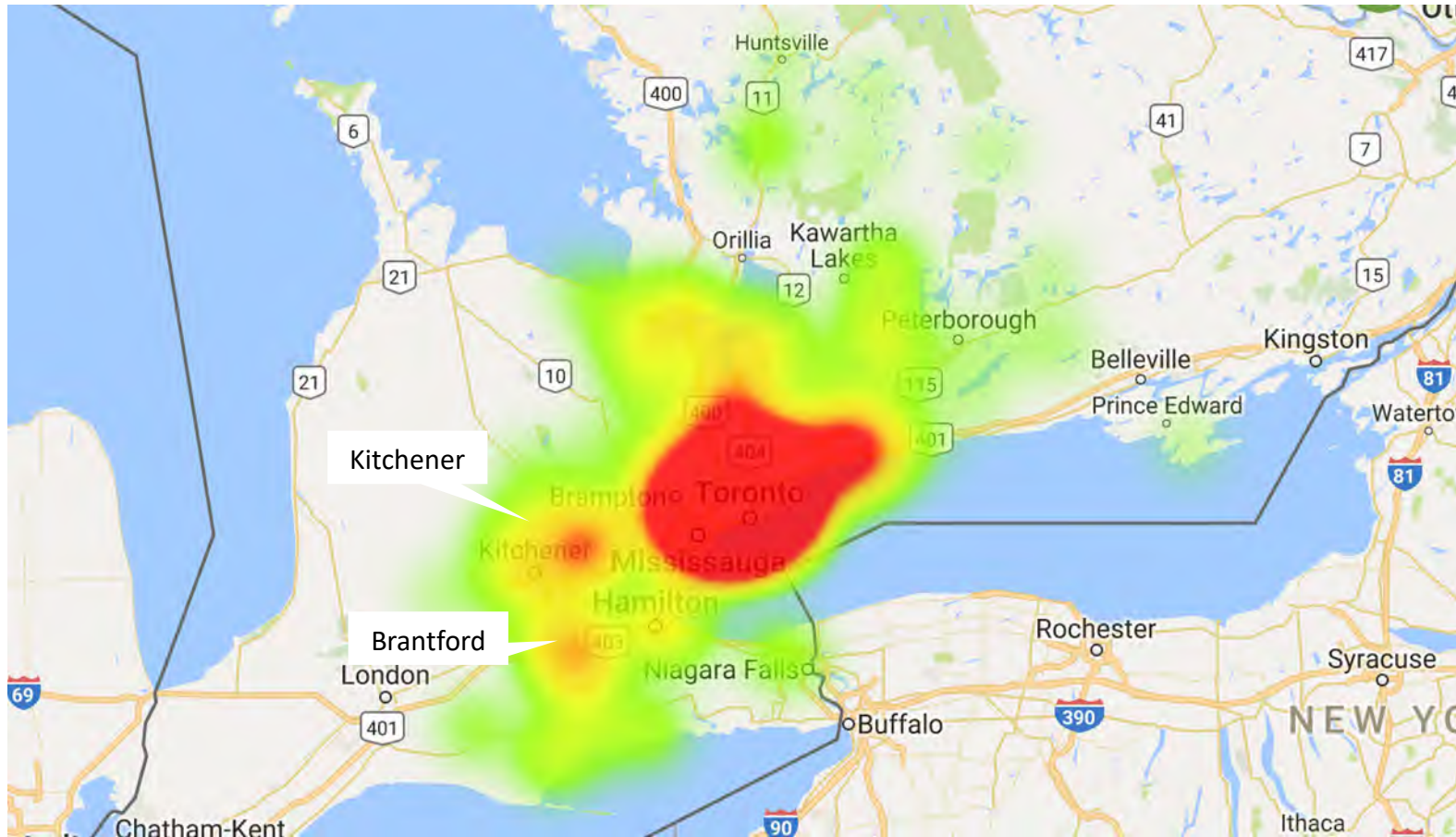


Location of Registrants: Southern Ontario View

The vast majority of the attendees are from the Greater Toronto Area. Kitchener and Brantford area also had a significant number of registrants.

Heat map of registrant location

2010 to 2016YTD, including registrants who did not attend workshop



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Potential Challenges

- Course location
 - Offered throughout Toronto
- Ensuring hands on practice
 - All attendees are encouraged to try traps
- Encouraging those that don't want to attend the training
- Those that despite attending the training don't implement best practices
 - Trap without a plan
 - Trap anywhere
 - Go on people's private property

Communities Must Get Involved



Training One of the Keys to Success Accomplishments

- Around 10,000 cats S/N for free in past 7 years
- Approximately 1,500 people trained
- Over 4,500 shelters built
- Support to countless other individuals
- Support for other groups
- Recovery Centre
- Food distribution events



Training, Co-operation, Direction

