Mission:
To significantly, humanely, and permanently reduce the community cat population in Anne Arundel County while improving their quality of life.

Benefits of the SAVECats Program:
- Provides low-cost or free spay/neuter for all community cats
- Promotes healthier lives for cats
- Expands the rabies vaccination program
- Prevents unwanted litters of kittens
- Reduces overall cat population which:
  -- Is better for the environment & birds
  -- Reduces citizen complaints/concerns

About the SAVECats Program
In February 2018, Anne Arundel County passed the Community Cat Bill (96-17), which allows Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) countywide and gives protection to community cats who are brought to animal control. The bill was the result of many years of hard work by Rude Ranch Animal Rescue and countless other animal advocates and organizations.

To build on the momentum of this important victory for community cats, Rude Ranch Animal Rescue partnered with several other animal welfare groups to create the SAVECats program:
- Cats R Us
- Friends of Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control, Inc.
- SPCA of Anne Arundel County
- Sunshine’s Friends Cat and Dog Rescue

FAQ’s
What is a community cat?
A community cat, also sometimes referred to as feral, stray, or wild, are free-roaming cats who call outdoors their home. They are members of the domestic cat species but vary in terms of their level of socialization or friendliness. Many community cats are not socialized to humans and prefer to keep their distance, often running and hiding when approached.

Community cats within the same territory often form groups called “colonies” and share resources such as food and shelter. Many colonies have dedicated caregivers who provide food and shelter.

What is Trap-Neuter-Return?
Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the only humane and effective approach to managing community cat populations. Through TNR, community cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, ear tipped, and then returned to their outdoor home.

For More Information
For more information about community cats and how to help them, please contact: