

## C5 SHARES NIGEL'S STORY



Nigel is a big cat with a big, round tomcat head and the first time I saw him he looked tough as nails. His body was crisscrossed with scratches and bites, inflicted by other males as they fought on the streets over mates. One eye was swollen shut. I expected him to hiss when I approached the trap that doubled as his cage in the spay/neuter clinic but he just looked at me with his one good eye, then he laid his head down and closed his eye, he was very tired from all the fighting.

Veterinarians cleaned his wounds and neutered him while he was sedated. As Nigel awoke in his cage after surgery he seemed to be relaxed and calm. Nigel sensed he was among friends. Nigel was one of a colony of ten free-roaming cats which C5 trapped and brought to the clinic that day. After they were neutered and vaccinated against rabies we returned them to their outdoor home. Now a caretaker looks after them devotedly. With regular meals, snug shelters and no more kittens to raise the cats are thriving.

Nigel's wounds are healing, and he is gaining weight and playing with the other cats in the caretaker's colony. Nigel's life of suffering and stress is behind him. He is now a member of colony of spayed and neutered cats which live together quietly and peacefully.

**Results like these are why C5 conducts Trap-Neuter-Return or TNR.** We want to make life better for feral and stray cats AND their human neighbors! TNR involves catching ferals, fixing them so they cannot reproduce then returning them back to their colony caretakers. Caretakers continue providing food and shelter plus medical attention when needed. Destructive mating behaviors such as fighting, yowling and spraying are effectively stopped. TNR keeps unadoptable cats out of shelters (where their likely fate is euthanasia) and brings peaceful co-existence to the community.

TNR is a humane and highly effective method for reducing feral and stray cat overpopulation. Thanks to TNR cats like Nigel have hope for a better life!

C5 is a not profit organization dedicated to TNR

