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Pets.tv Episode #1115A

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Fixing the Feral Cat Population

General Synopsis for Episode #1115A

In this <u>Pets.tv</u> episode, viewers learn how LA County is addressing the growing population of one million **feral cats** that live on the streets and in neighborhoods. FixNation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce the feral cat population by spaying, neutering and vaccinating the cats. Jerry Hosford, a volunteer trapper shows how to catch the cats with bait so they can be transported to FixNation. Kate Creighton, veterinarian at FixNation explains the process to spay and neuter the cats. Each cat's ear is clipped to show that the cat has been fixed. Volunteer Roberta Garten explains the 3 TNR process used to Trap, Neuter, and Return the cats back to their original habitat. Since 2007, over 80,000 cats have been spayed or neutered at a cost of \$100, which means nonstop fundraising for FixNation.

Observation and Conclusion

Episode #1115A exposes young viewers to a charity organization that has a dedicated staff and caring volunteers that assist their large community with a growing problem with a safe and human outcome. This episode of Pets.tv delivers an educational and informational message that supports current social, intellectual and emotional aspects of children ages 13 and up. Attributes and advice emphasized by guests instill a grounded balance of priorities, commitment, and perseverance children can apply to their lives.

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