

Project Report of Sakura-Neko (Spayed/Neutered Cats) TNR in the Tokunoshima Island



Period of activity
15th November, 2014 - 27th January, 2016
Applicants
Three towns in the Tokunoshima Island
(Amagi-town, Isen-town, Tokunoshima-town)



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Public Interest Incorporated Association "Doubutsu-kikin (Animal foundation)" has executed, collaborating with public administrations, the free TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) sterilization operations targeting at all existing cats (estimated number 3,000) inside the Tokunoshima Island. The project was decided for the purpose of protecting the Amami wild black rabbits against predations by cats. It will certainly contribute to the effort of the Amami Islands, Kagoshima Prefecture, in order to be World Natural Heritage site candidate. The Tokunoshima Island is the place where Amami wild black rabbits occur, which are designated as a special natural treasure. In 2014, though Tokunoshima's mountains were designated as quasi-national park, this mountain area is going to be specified as a national park anytime soon. The Amami Islands set out its registration in the World Natural Heritage Lists in the upcoming two years, however, the estimated current number of Amami wild black rabbits, which are reasons to be designated, is only 200 in the whole island of Tokunoshima or, even worse, they are being designated as an endangered species.

Amami wild black rabbits and Cats

The Ministry of the Environment monitors the inhabiting situation of Amami rabbits' cubs by automatic shooting sensor cameras, and a scene when a feral cat preyed an Amami wild black rabbit was captured. Due to improper feeding, lack of sterile operation, or abandonment, dogs and cats get feral, propagate themselves, and then prey on wildlife. The investigation has presented this serious problem.

The Sakura-Neko (Spayed/Neutered Cats) TNR project in the whole Tokunoshima Island

The project aimed to protect the rare animals including the Amami wild black rabbits and also to make the Tokunoshima Island the world best nature-friendly and wildlife-friendly island. We believed that the sterilization operations for all estimated 3,000 cats inside the island and the shifting to "Sakura-Neko (Spayed/Neutered Cats)" would realize a coexistence of managed cats, humans, and Amami wild black rabbits.



Amami wild black rabbit captured by feral cat
(Photo: Amami Nature Conservation Office of the Ministry of the Environment)

What are "Sakura-Neko (Spayed/Neutered Cats)"?

Trap Neuter Return



The cats with V-shaped ear are all **neutered**.
The shape looks like a cherry blossom, Sakura in Japanese.
So we call them "**Sakura Neko**". Neko means Cat.

Sakura Neko only wants to make the limited life peaceful.
We hope your kindness to them.

Sakura Neko are to Be Loved!

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Problem Analysis and Solutions

Problems between Amami wild black rabbits and Cats

- I. The problem of cats that occur in the same area where Amami wild black rabbits occur
 - II. The problem of cats' owners who abandon exceeded cats neglecting sterilization operations
 - III. The problem caused by stray cats
 - IV. The problem of no existence of veterinary hospital for small animals (as of 2014)
 - V. There is no time left at this precise moment after the number of Amami wild black rabbits has already been reduced to 200
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Analysis of Problems

Cats didn't originally exist in the habitat area of Amami wild black rabbits, in other words, cats never used to occur in the Tokunoshima Island from the very beginning. However, due to below two reasons:

1. Owners abandon their pet cats. Those abandoned cats become stray cats and then enter into the habitats of Amami wild black rabbits.
 2. Owners abandon their exceeded cats because of their negligence of sterilization operations and leave them in the area of Amami rabbits' habitats. cats, in this manner, became to occur in the habitat area of Amami wild black rabbits.
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Concrete Solutions

One problem is linked to another, therefore, we needed to carry out the project not only for the cats living in the habitat area of Amami rabbits, but also for stray cats and pet cats inside the whole island. We, as a consequence, aimed to spay and neuter all existing cats regardless of their type of habitat in the Tokunoshima Island. In addition, as for the cats that occur in the habitat area of Amami rabbits, we applied the method of "Trap-Neuter-**Rehome**" on behalf of the conventional "Trap-Neuter-**Return**", offering them shelter to continue to live in Amagi-town. Since 2015, with respect to those cats from Amami wild black rabbits' habitats, the Ministry of the Environment is working hand-in-hand with the Planning Department of Amagi-town for the purpose of continuing to provide shelter and look for their adopters.

Project Summary

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Working Method

Three town offices played a key role in "Trap" and "Return" of TNR, and the foundation assumed a role in "Neuter". The necessary cost, such as baits in cage traps, transportation and carriage, was borne by each office, and the foundation bore medical expenses associated with surgeries on the spot, travel cost of veterinarians and staff team of the foundation.

Public Relations

The foundation made posters and leaflets at its own cost to notify islanders widely about the project. All three town offices were responsible for the distribution to each house and posting them in public facilities. Furthermore, the foundation organized exhibitions to introduce this Sakura-Neko (Spayed/Neutered Cats) TNR project in each public office and the lifelong learning centers seizing the opportunity of Be Kind to Animals Week.

Lending Cage Traps

The foundation lent 212 cage traps to three towns in order to trap cats.



Leaflets and posters prepared for the project

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General Schedule

Program	Venue	Content of implementation
Press conference 1-3/11/2014	Amagi Town Office	Press conference
1st 15-22/11/2014	Farm of Tokunoshima High School	5 3 7
2nd 25-31/01/2015	Farm of Tokunoshima High School	6 4 1
3rd 16-21/04/2015	Former Tokunoshima municipal Kaminomine Elementary School, separate school of Shimokushi	2 5 1
4th 14-19/06/2015	Agricultural Center of Amagi-town	2 3 3
5th 5-9/11/2015	Agricultural Center of Amagi-town	3 1 4
6th 24-27/01/2016	Former Folklore Museum of Isen-town	1 6 0
Total		2, 1 3 6

Number of assisted veterinarians

Veterinarians who participated as volunteers bore their own expenses of transportation and lodging

Implementation Period	Referring Veterinarians	Volunteer Veterinarians	Total
1st	4	2	6
2nd	6	2	8
3rd	4	3	7
4th	3	2	5
5th	3	0	3
6th	2	0	2
Cumulative number of veterinarians	20	9	31

Venues of Surgery

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1st Farm of Tokunoshima High School
(Former Tokunoshima Agricultural High School)



2nd Farm of Tokunoshima High School
(Former Tokunoshima Agricultural High School)



3rd Former Tokunoshima municipal
Kaminomine Elementary School,
separate school of Shimokushi



4th Agricultural Center of Amagi-town



5th Agricultural Center of Amagi-town



6th Former Folklore Museum of Isen-town

On-site Surgery

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● Morning assembly before surgery



● Cats have arrived by governmentally-arranged truck



● Reception of pet cats and dogs



● Tagging cages before surgery



● Injection of stabilization agent and anesthesia



● Tagged paws need antibiotic / vaccine / flea and tick removal

On-site Surgery

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- Cutting hair and ear



- Sakura (cherry flower) petal shaped ear



- Spay / Neuter



- Small 1cm postoperative scar by experts



- Fluid replacement, eye drops, sterilization, earwax removal, treatment after surgery



- Other medical treatments, if any, such as bite by a venomous snake

On-site Surgery

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- Washing and sterilizing surgical instruments each time



- Cleaning the cages during surgery



- After surgery, cats keep at rest overnight



- Cats are returned to their home region on the following day



- Kittens are protected in the town office until they are grown for a next on-site surgery.



- The project received wide media attention from KTS Kagoshima Television Station, and so on.

Handmade Box Cage

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● Eco-friendly

The plastic box cages to trap and protect cats have been made in the town offices. The boxes are originally for potatoes, so they are reusable after the project.



● Functionality

Two wooden boards cover the box. When stabilization agent should be injected, insert a mesh board through the gap of two wooden boards so that the cat can easily move towards the box corner and to minimize stress of the cats.



● Characteristics

The cage color varies depending on the town. Light blue means Amagi-town, Yellow means Isen-town, and Green and black mean Tokunoshima-town. All the cages are handmade by each town office.

Identification Tag

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As we had to manage about 100 surgeries per day, we used detachable identification tags to identify each cat and its necessary treatments.

● Home Region Management

To remember which cat belongs to which cage from which region, the red tag was attached to the cage and the green one to the cat's paw. We confirmed serial number after surgery, and returned the cat to its original cage.

● Treatment Contents Management

To confirm necessary treatments correctly, such as vaccine, antibiotic, etc., we used check items to manage them. Amount of Ketamine was also recorded. When the cats were returned to their own cage after surgery, we detached the green identification tag from their paw, and input the data into a computer for final calculations. We thus managed the number of operation, the ratio of male/female, and used amount of chemicals.

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- Special program held in Isen Elementary School
Minobe section chief and Sagami administrative director of the Environment Division lectured



- Commemorative photograph of the special program "Let's think about animal lives and the natural environment in Tokunoshima"



- Students of biology of Tokunoshima High School came to look on the surgery of Dr. Yamaguchi



- Class in the open air by Sagami administrative director

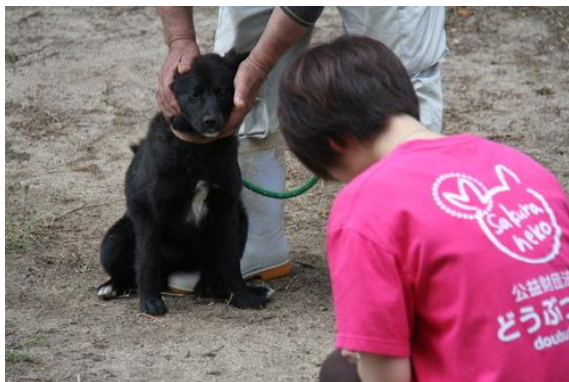


- Explanation about microchip by a prefectural veterinary doctor



- Islander children came to visit

Spaying and Neutering Dogs



● Charged Surgeries for Pet Dogs

There used to be no veterinary hospital in Tokunoshima. This caused difficulty to spay or neuter pet dogs, and it had resulted in the existence of relatively many feral/stray dogs. Therefore, in response to strong demands from three town offices and islanders, we organized to spay and neuter 48 pet dogs with charge at the 3rd and 4th on-site surgeries. The fee was JPY 5,000 for both male/female. Additionally, JPY 1,000 was asked for vaccine, flea removal, and rabies prevention. We no longer planned to spay nor neuter dogs since the 5th on-site surgery, as the first veterinary hospital has been established in Tokunoshima.



● No Charge Spaying and Neutering for Dogs in Tokunoshima Public Health Center

Taking the opportunity of 4th on-site surgery, we spayed and neutered 6 dogs protected in the public health center for free, collaborating with the Tokunoshima public health center. Spayed/neutered dogs were adopted by new owners through the prefectural humane society "Waco".

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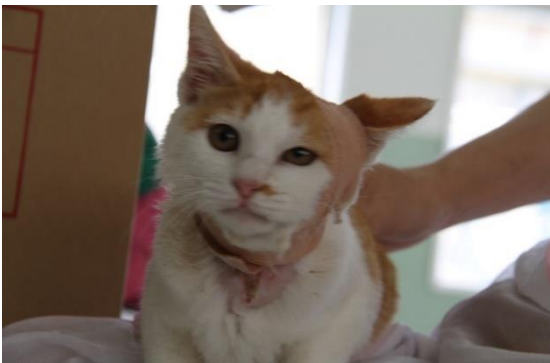
Cats often came to the operating room with injury or disease. In this case, we tried our best to treat within the limited range of equipments. Below are some examples.



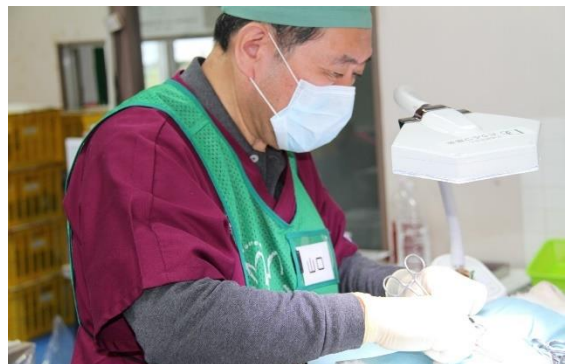
● Operation to cut a paw



● About 10 cats had been bitten by a venomous snake



● A pet cat bitten by a venomous snake
Owner took a first-aid treatment with tape



● Operation of hydronephrosis. The kidney had become enlarged to baseball-size.



● A cat that got 21 stitches on right stomach, 10 stitches on inside left shoulder and 11 stitches on outside. Became a big eater from the day after the operation.



● Operation of diaphragmatic hernia at the same time.
We performed artificial respiration with a tracheal tube.

Volunteer Veterinarians

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We received volunteer veterinarian doctors and AHTs (Animal Health Technician) from across the country, who are willing to support our project policy that protects Amami wild black rabbits without killing cats. Although volunteers had to bear all of their expenses such as transportation and lodging, 9 volunteer veterinarians participated during total 6 on-site surgeries. The project offered them an opportunity to exchange information and ideas. After the project, some veterinarians decided to initiate the local TNR activities, others decided to restart their career as veterinarian or open a veterinarian hospital specialized in the TNR and protected dogs. In addition to veterinarians, some volunteer AHTs also joined us in the project.



- Green cloth means veterinarian. The 3rd on-site surgery.



- Dr. Hirano participated with his family. Children were at local sitters during the surgery. One year later, he opened his own veterinary hospital specialized in the TNR and medical cares for protected stray cats and dogs in Odawara.



- Dr. Tokuda, director of the Ryunosuke Animal Hospital, carries on his original campaigns for free of charge sterilization operations in his hometown in Kyushu after his participation in this project.

Number of operations

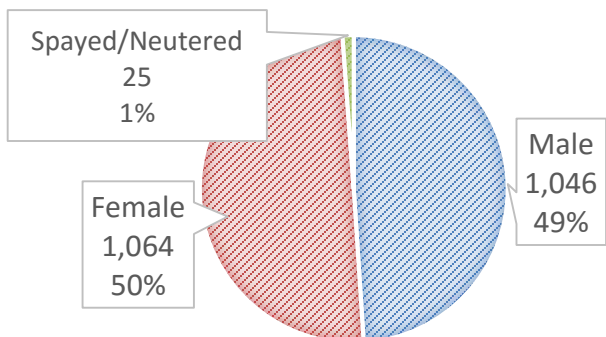
		Male	Female	Ear cut only*	No treatment**	Total
1st	17-21.11.2014	250	283	4	0	537
2nd	26-30.01.2015	317	318	6	0	641
3rd	17-20.04.2015	117	128	1	5	251
4th	15-18.06.2015	109	120	1	3	233
5th	5-8.11.2015	174	137	2	1	314
6th	24-27.01.2016	79	79	2	0	160
Total		1,046	1,065	16	9	2,136

* Trapped cats that had been already spayed/neutered. Only ear cutting, vaccine, and flea removal were applied.

** Trapped cats that had been already spayed/neutered with V-shaped ear. No treatment was applied.

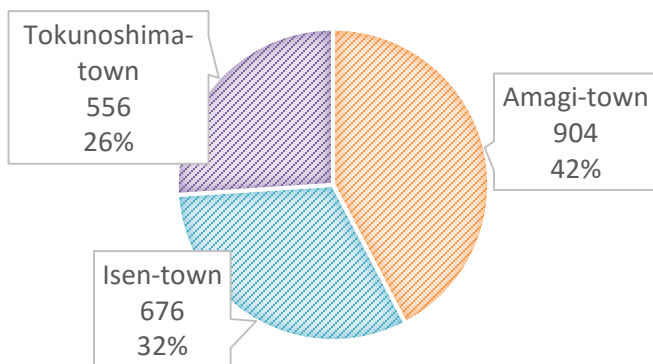
MALE/FEMALE RATIO

Male Female Spayed/Neutered



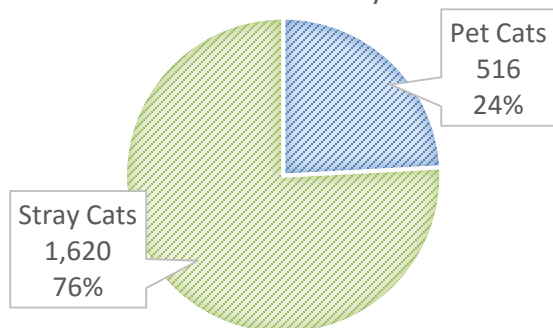
NUMBER OF OPERATIONS BY TOWN

Amagi-town Isen-town Tokunoshima-town



PET/STRAY RATIO

Pet Cats Stray Cats



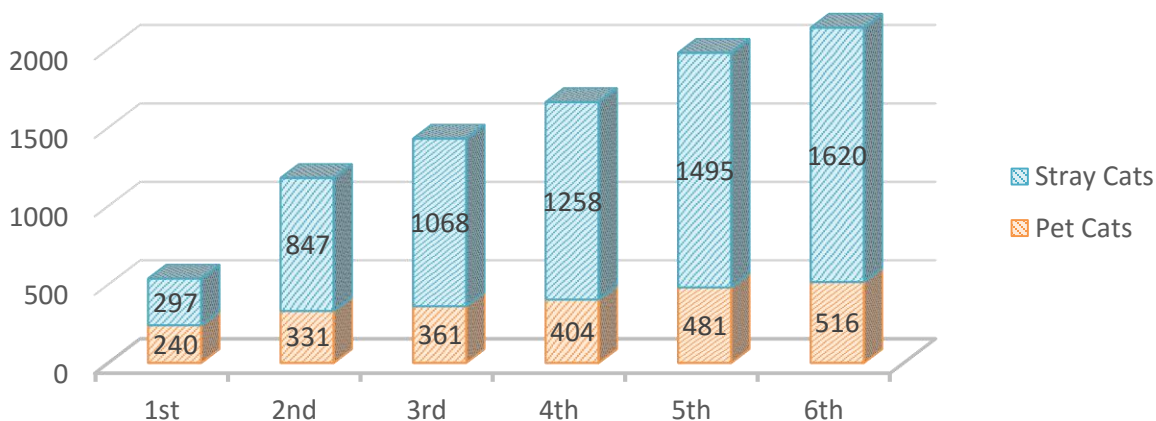
Number of operations by town, by cats' type

		Implementation Period	Pet Cats	Stray Cats	Total
Amagi-town	1st	17-21.11.2014	85	50	135
	2nd	26-30.01.2015	48	331	379
	3rd	17-20.04.2015	8	79	87
	4th	15-18.06.2015	23	97	120
	5th	5-8.11.2015	7	115	122
	6th	24-27.01.2016	14	47	61
	Subtotal		185	719	904
Isen-town	1st	17-21.11.2014	70	194	264
	2nd	26-30.01.2015	20	126	146
	3rd	17-20.04.2015	8	45	53
	4th	15-18.06.2015	11	45	56
	5th	5-8.11.2015	43	53	96
	6th	24-27.01.2016	15	46	61
	Subtotal		167	509	676
Tokunoshima-town	1st	17-21.11.2014	85	53	138
	2nd	26-30.01.2015	23	93	116
	3rd	17-20.04.2015	14	97	111
	4th	15-18.06.2015	9	48	57
	5th	5-8.11.2015	27	69	96
	6th	24-27.01.2016	6	32	38
	Subtotal		164	392	556
Total	1st	17-21.11.2014	240	297	537
	2nd	26-30.01.2015	91	550	641
	3rd	17-20.04.2015	30	221	251
	4th	15-18.06.2015	43	190	233
	5th	5-8.11.2015	77	237	314
	6th	24-27.01.2016	35	125	160
	Total		516	1,620	2,136

Cumulative total number of operations by cats' type

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Pet Cats	240	331	361	404	481	516
Stray Cats	297	847	1,068	1,258	1,495	1,620
Total	537	1,178	1,429	1,662	1,976	2,136

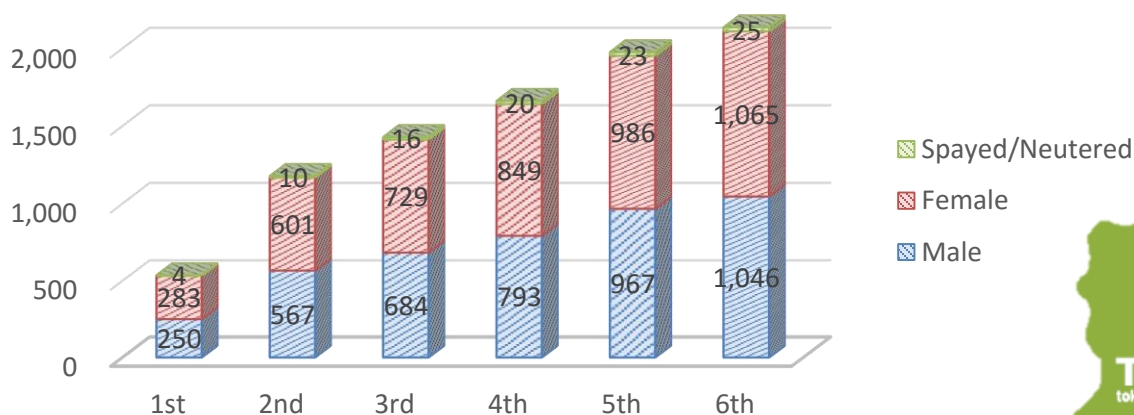
CUMULATIVE BY CATS' TYPE



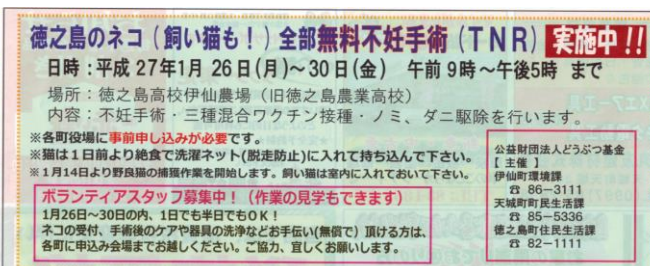
Cumulative total number of operations by gender

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Male	250	567	684	793	967	1,046
Female	283	601	729	849	986	1,065
Spayed/Neutered	4	10	16	20	23	25
Total	537	1,178	1,429	1,662	1,976	2,136

CUMULATIVE TOTAL BY GENDER



We previously announced the schedule of implementation of the project on websites and in public relations magazines of each town, and called for applications for an operation of pet cats and the provision of stray/feral cats' information.



To make this project a success, it was essential to have cooperation of local residents and the understanding about the project and its objective. In this regard, we made presentation panels of this Tokunoshima TNR Sakura-Neko (Spayed/Neutered Cats) project targeting at islanders and exhibited them in each town hall and other facilities where people often visit, seizing the opportunity of Be Kind to Animals Week.



●Exhibition in the lifelong learning center of Tokunoshima-town

●Exhibition in the town hall of Ise-town
(Website of Ise-town)

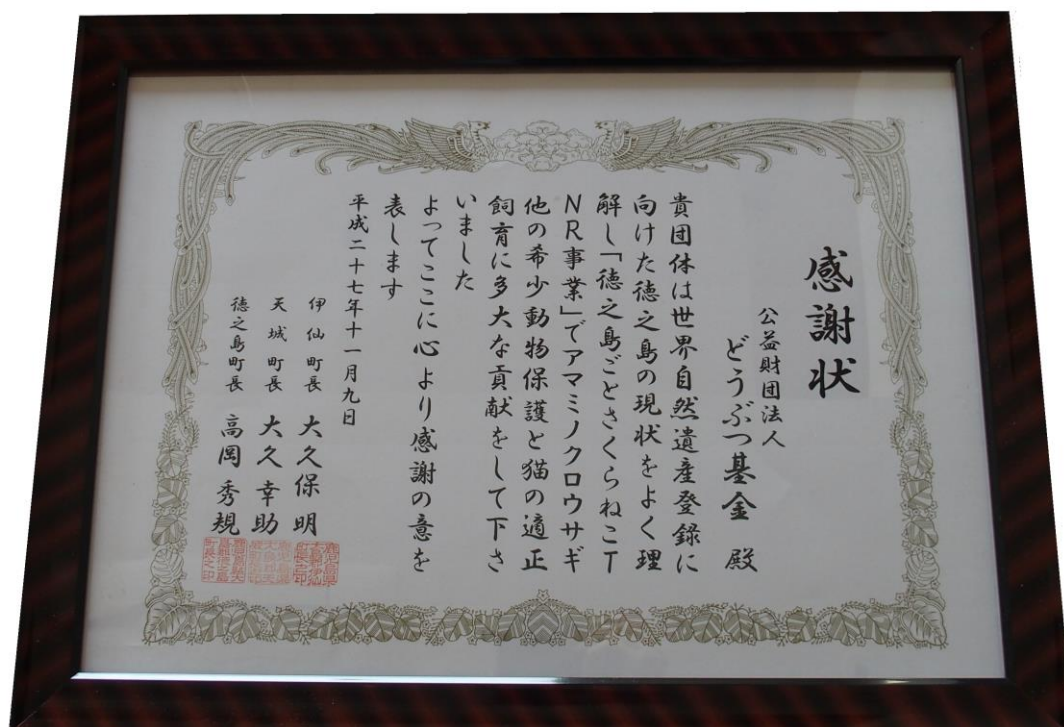
Letters of Appreciation

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From all three participant towns: Amagi-town, Isen-town, Tokunoshima-town, the foundation received the certificate of gratitude for achievements and results of the free of charge sterilization operation Sakura-Neko (Spayed/Neutered Cats) projects.



- Presentation ceremony in the town hall of Amagi-town. Mr. Ohisa, the mayor of Amagi-town, represented all three town offices.



- Certificate of gratitude



Osamu Minobe, Environment Division of Isen-twon

Here is a small island that lies about 480km south of Kagoshima city. Native animals, such as Amami wild black rabbits and Tokunoshima spiny rats, as well as native insects and plants, are the one and only in the world and coexist with human islanders since about 1,000 years ago. Their habitat has lessened in recent years because of the development, and following this expansion by human activities, feral/stray cats and dogs eventually became to damage the wildlife seriously. Their existence has represented a bigger threat to this small island Tokunoshima, a candidate for inclusion as World Natural Heritage site, within the region of Amami and Ryukyu.

To resolve the menace by cats, our exhaustive discussions started three years ago with every relevant organization. However, we had never achieved any effective countermeasure, and when we halfway gave up on that, we got an information about the foundation Doubutsu-kikin. We contacted them quickly. The foundation got the drift shearing its urgency, and responded to our requests. Hence, we could accomplish outstanding results and we can now clearly see the efficacy of the project. We continue to make our best effort so that Amami and Ryukyu region can be listed as a World Natural Heritage site avoiding further threat, and hope that the island will be a good place to live for all of us: cats, dogs, and humans, passing this rich nature on to the next generation.

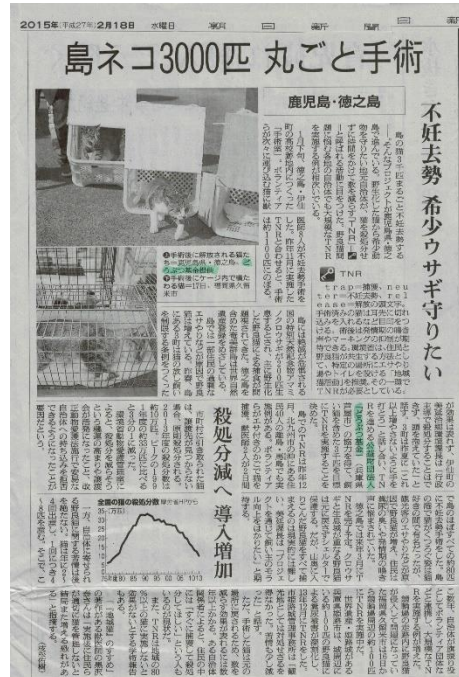
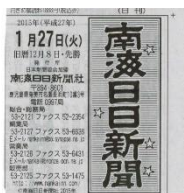
Testimonials (Veterinary Doctor) doubutukikin



Ayako Hirano, Veterinarian

I work in a partner hospital of the Doubutsu-kikin and got to know the project in Tokunoshima. Throughout the 2nd and 3rd on-site surgeries where I participated, the wonderful thing that I found was the cooperative structure among Tokunoshima's public administration - Nature conservation groups - Residents - the Doubutsu-kikin foundation - Veterinarians and volunteers, and that everyone worked for the same goal. I had to manage many operations during the on-site surgeries: 641 in 2nd and 251 in 3rd. I cannot ignore the surgical safety even if there are many. I carefully prepared myself and arranged meetings previously. In addition, through a division of labor, I could perform surgeries effectively and safely. As other participant doctors were all high-skill veterinarians, it was a incredible team of professionals. It was a rewarding work to act what I can do cooperating with each other. Even though social issues surrounding animals are often arduous and gloomy, including culling, the foundation Doubutsu-kikin continued their activities in a sincere manner and in a joyful way. There is a conflict of opinions through animal welfare activities, however, I think the attitude to provide opportunities where we participate easily and discuss frankly to decide on the next actions would solve problems.

Currently, culling is the standard method in the world to protect rare species against predation. So probably, not all people will agree on the TNR method in Tokunoshima. Yet, if we could find another way to protect those scarce species, I think it would be better. I hope the activities in Tokunoshima will succeed, to respect biodiversity in the Amami Islands and to change the conventional standard, with "Quick" "Entire" "Continuation" spirits.



2016年(平成28年)1月1日 金曜日

世界自然遺産へ 生物多様性保持

徳之島ネコ対策
野鳥・先達事例に一転

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2016年(平成28年)1月10日 火曜日

クロウサギ保護 猫適正飼育にも貢献

TNR事業

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猫の不妊手術、きょうまで 希少種保護目的、164匹予定

徳之島どうぶつ基金

猫の不妊手術、きょうまで。希少種保護目的、164匹予定。徳之島どうぶつ基金。

1月27日(水)
1月28日(木)
1月29日(金)
1月30日(土)
1月31日(日)

南濱目目新聞

2016年(平成28年)1月11日(水)

猫の不妊手術での貢献評価 徳之島3町

南濱目目新聞

猫の不妊手術での貢献評価。徳之島3町。南濱目目新聞。

11月11日(水)
11月12日(木)
11月13日(金)
11月14日(土)
11月15日(日)

2016年(平成28年)1月27日 水曜日

徳之島「さくら耳ねこ」増加

基金 TNR事業「継続が大事」

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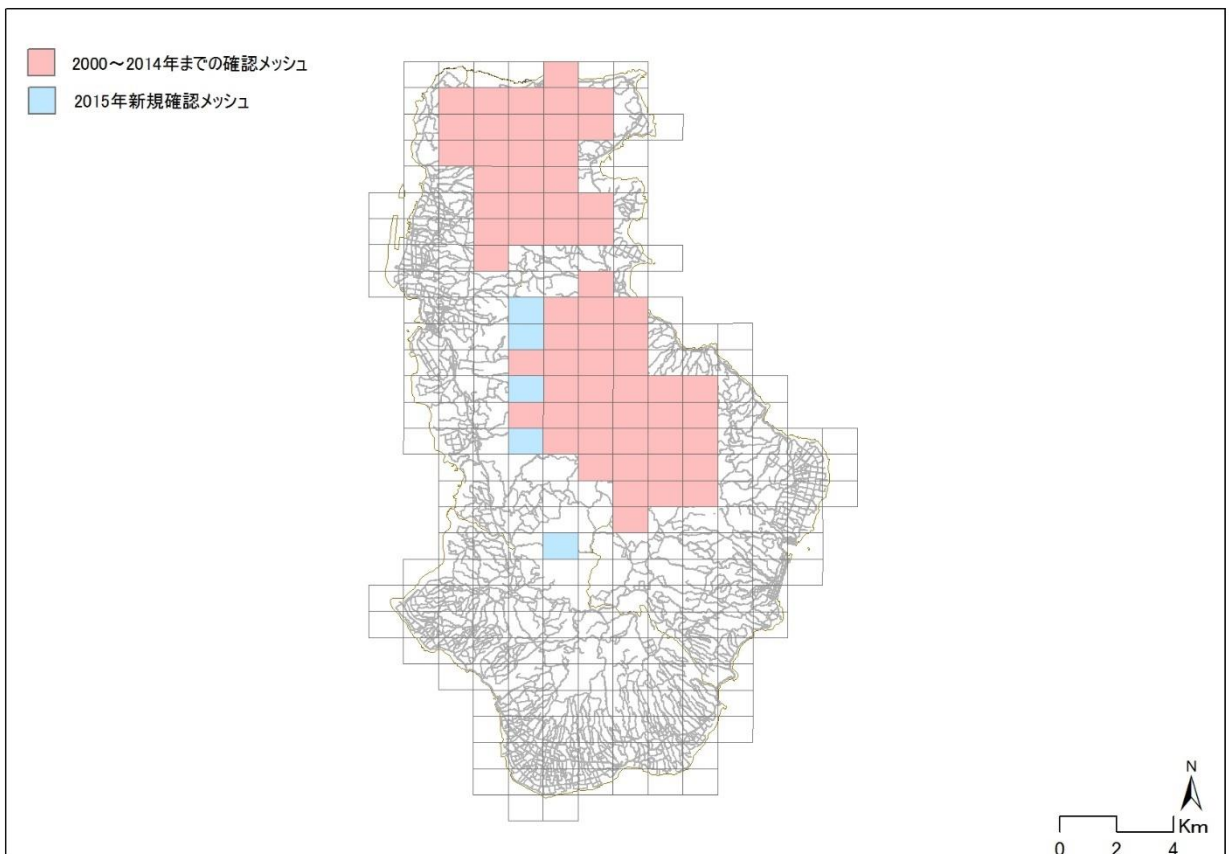
Cats' Predation Reduced to Only **One**

Reports from three towns

According to the research of Tokunoshima Nature Conservation Office of the Ministry of the Environment in 2014, when the project was launched, **9** Amami wild black rabbits were considered to be preyed by dogs or cats. In 2015, the number decreased dramatically to only **one**. Moreover, some Amami wild black rabbits were newly found in other **5** areas where there had not been before.

Inhabiting situation of Amami wild black rabbits in the Tokunoshima Island

Year	Number of Amami rabbits	Number of predations
2014	Approx. 200	9
2015	Approx. 200	1



● 1 square = 1km x 1km

Source: Tokunoshima Nature Conservation Office of the Ministry of the Environment

Activities in the Amami Islands

The below comments are questionnaire responses by e-mail from public offices in the Amami Islands where Amami wild black rabbits occur, except Tokunoshima, about their conservation activities.

Amami-city

The direct action we take in relation to rare species, including Amami wild black rabbits, is installing speed bumps on roads in collaboration with 5 municipalities in the Amami Islands in 2015. Furthermore, we carry out TNR activities since 2013 directed at an improvement of environmental sanitation, to control the number of stray cats and to protect scarce species from its predation. The number of TNR operations in Amami-city is 103 in 2013, 246 in 2014, 150 in 2015. The activity in 2016 is currently underway.

Tatsugo-town

In 2015, working in partnership with 5 municipalities in the Amami Islands, we installed speed bumps, warning signs, and road printings. We also promote public awareness activities in order to avoid roadkills.

Uken-village

Regarding the TNR between 2013-2015 for pet cats, there is no track record by village office, but it was executed as a prefectural veterinary medical association-subsidized project. We do not have concrete statistics for that TNR project. Since 2016, the village office conducts TNR activities by itself. The targeted number is 50 except for pet cats. On the other hand, we installed road bumps in the main forest roads (around Mt. Yuwan).

Yamato-village

Non-response

Setouchi-town

Refusal to respond

Amami wild black rabbits' cause of death in the Amami Islands

Amami Islands	2013	2014	2015
Traffic Accident	16	8	19
Feral Dog/Cat	9	9	7
Other	27	40	42
Total	52	57	68

Source: Amami Nature Conservation Office of the Ministry of the Environment



This project was a large scale TNR, targeting at all existing cats regardless of pet or stray inside the island, conducted in a short span of time, in order to protect rare species preyed by cats. The TNR is often decided as a nuisance control of cats in a residential area, and some people say that it's not effective for the conservation of rare species. We, the Doubutsu-kikin foundation, trust that, if the below conditions are met, the TNR will become successful. In other words, if any of them is lacking, it will come to naught.

What is the **Sakura-Neko** (Spayed/Neutered Cats)

TNR

the Doubutsu-kikin promote?

Quick



Act immediately

Female cats give birth to 5 to 7 kittens, and can produce 3 litters per year. The female kittens reach sexual maturity at 6 months, and give another birth to their grandchildren. If we carry out the TNR slowly, we'll never catch up with their speed of reproduction.

Entire



Complete totally

A 90% completion only gives the rest another opportunity to reproduce shortly. It is essential to execute the TNR for 100% of total cats rather than halfway measures.

Continuation



Perform successively

Even if we set a goal of 100%, there're always untrapped cats or newcomers. If we can maintain the management system to find non-spayed/neutered cats and to treat them immediately, we will realize no culling, no complaints society.

Since the 5th on-site surgery, more than half of trapped cats were Sakura-Neko (Spayed/Neutered Cats). Additionally, while there was no hospital for small animals when the project started, a first veterinary hospital was opened in 2015. More hospitals are planned to be established in 2016, and it enables islanders to continue TNR activities by themselves inside the island. Therefore, the Sakura-Neko (Spayed/Neutered Cats) TNR projects, organized by the foundation and three towns in the Tokunoshima Island, ended with the 6th on-site surgery.





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