



The Vacuum Effect Explained

(The "Why Culling Fails" Infographic Text)

THE VACUUM EFFECT: THE CYCLE OF FAILURE

Why Lethal Removal is an Industry, Not a Solution

1. **The Cull:** A territory is cleared of resident cats through trapping or toxins.
2. **The Void:** An "ecological vacuum" is created. The resources (food and shelter) that supported the original cats remain.
3. **The Reinvasion:** Within weeks, new, unmanaged, and unneutered cats from surrounding areas move in to fill the void.
4. **The Result:** The population returns to original levels—or higher—due to increased breeding in the "empty" space. (Ref: *Guttilla & Stapp, 2010*).

The Bottom Line: Culling is a self-perpetuating **for-profit industry**.

It requires constant, expensive repetition. **Unwilding (TNS)** is the only way to reach a stable, non-breeding population that blocks reinvasion.

Respect Life. Respect Nature. Restore the Balance.
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