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“The community cat pyramid” = Success

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THE COMMUNITY CAT PYRAMID = SUCCESS!

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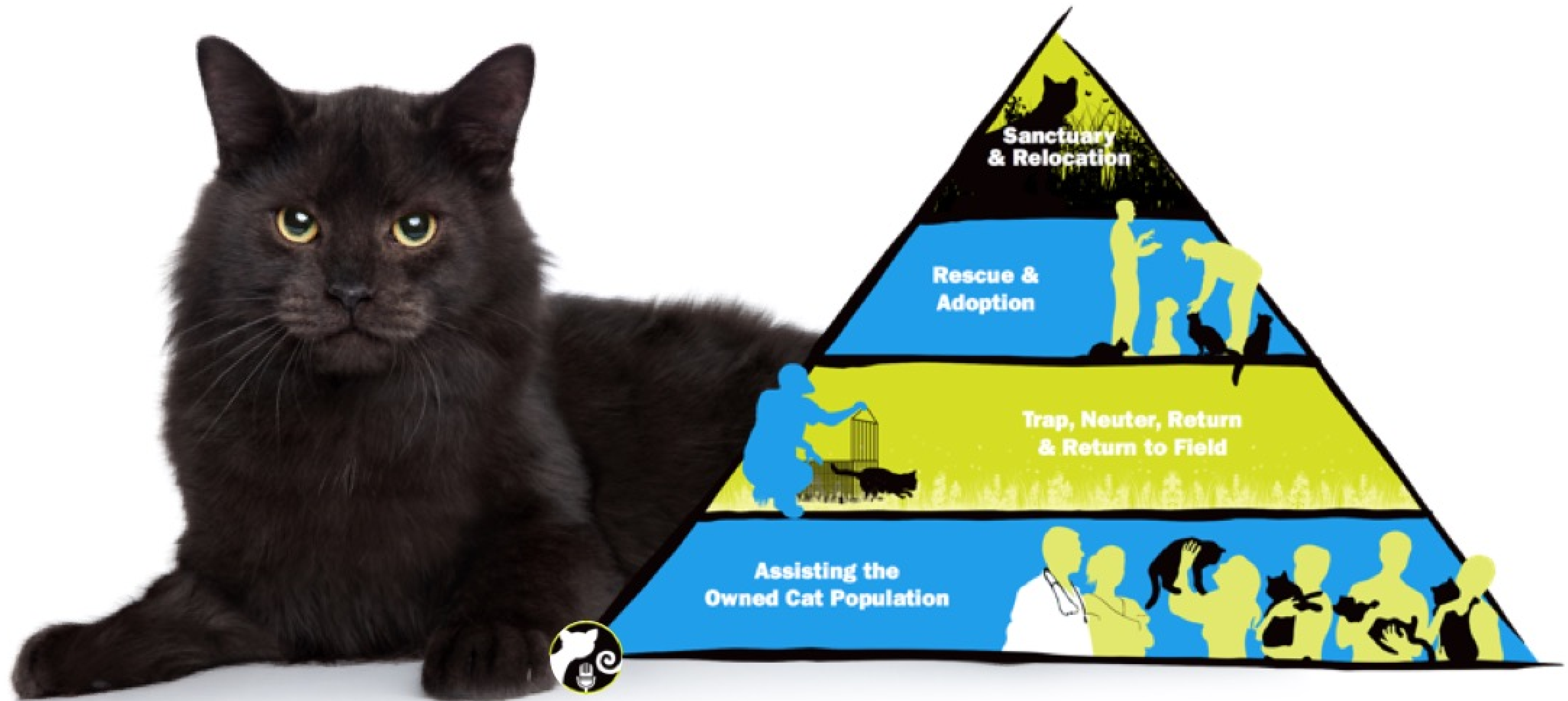


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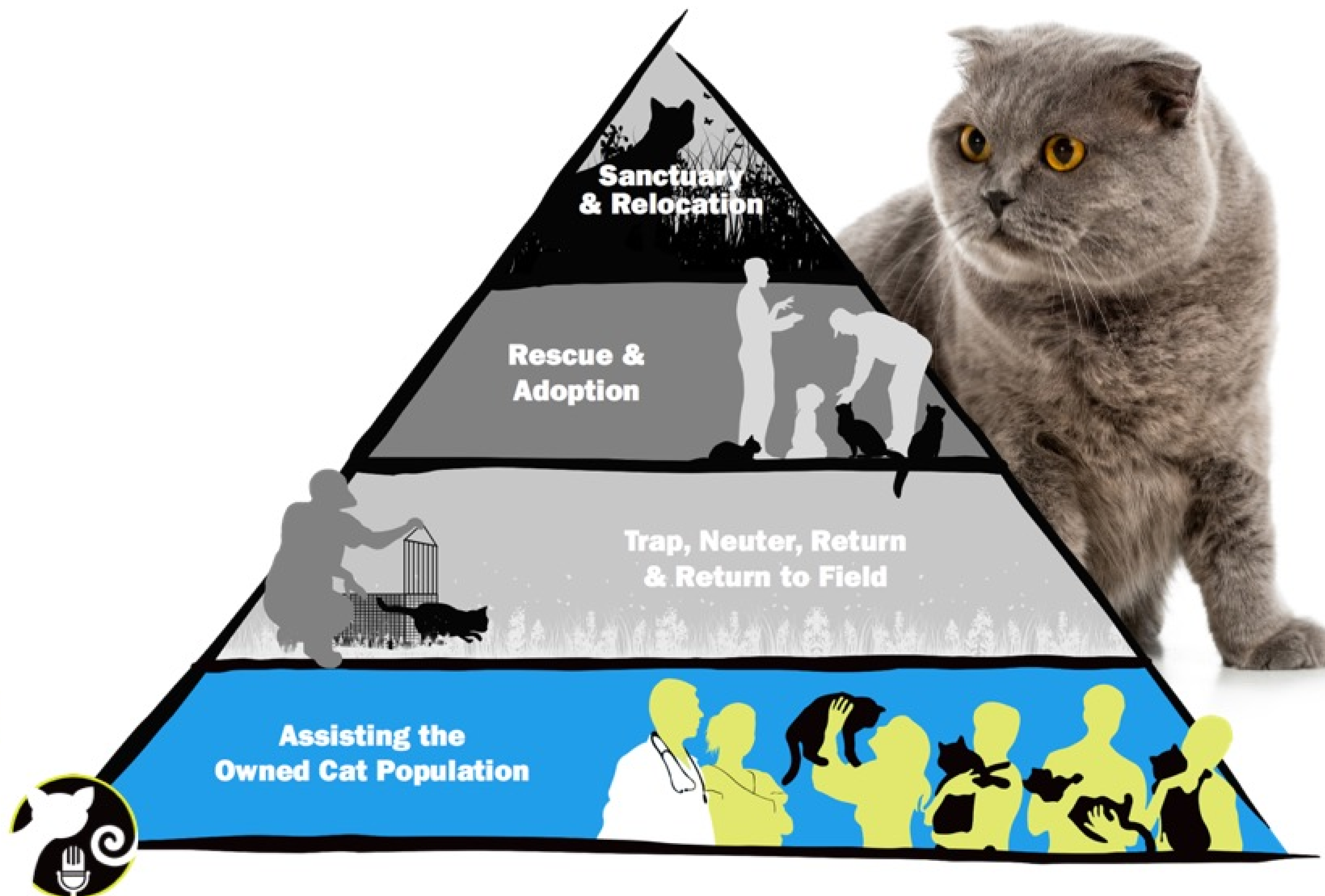
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What is the purpose of the pyramid and its origins?



A photograph of three cats sitting in a lush green field. On the left, a brown tabby cat is seen from the back, looking towards the right. In the center, a grey and white tabby cat sits upright, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. On the right, a brown tabby cat is lying down, its head resting on the ground. The background is a soft-focus green field.

**Let's break down
the pyramid into
sections starting
at the bottom...**



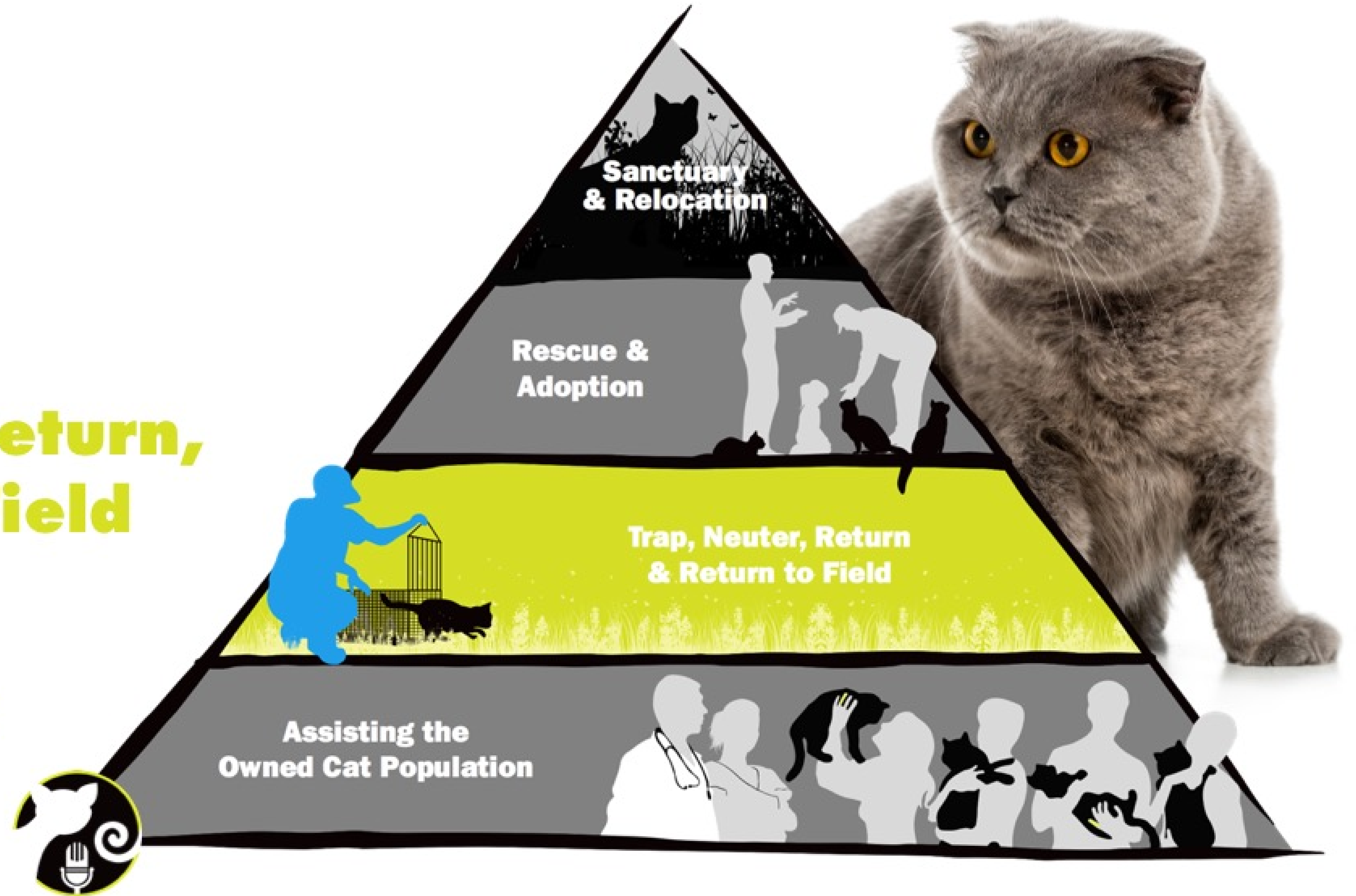
Bottom Section:
The Owned Cat Population

Middle Sections:

**Trap, Neuter, Return,
and Return to Field**

Bottom Section:

**The Owned Cat
Population**



Top Sections:

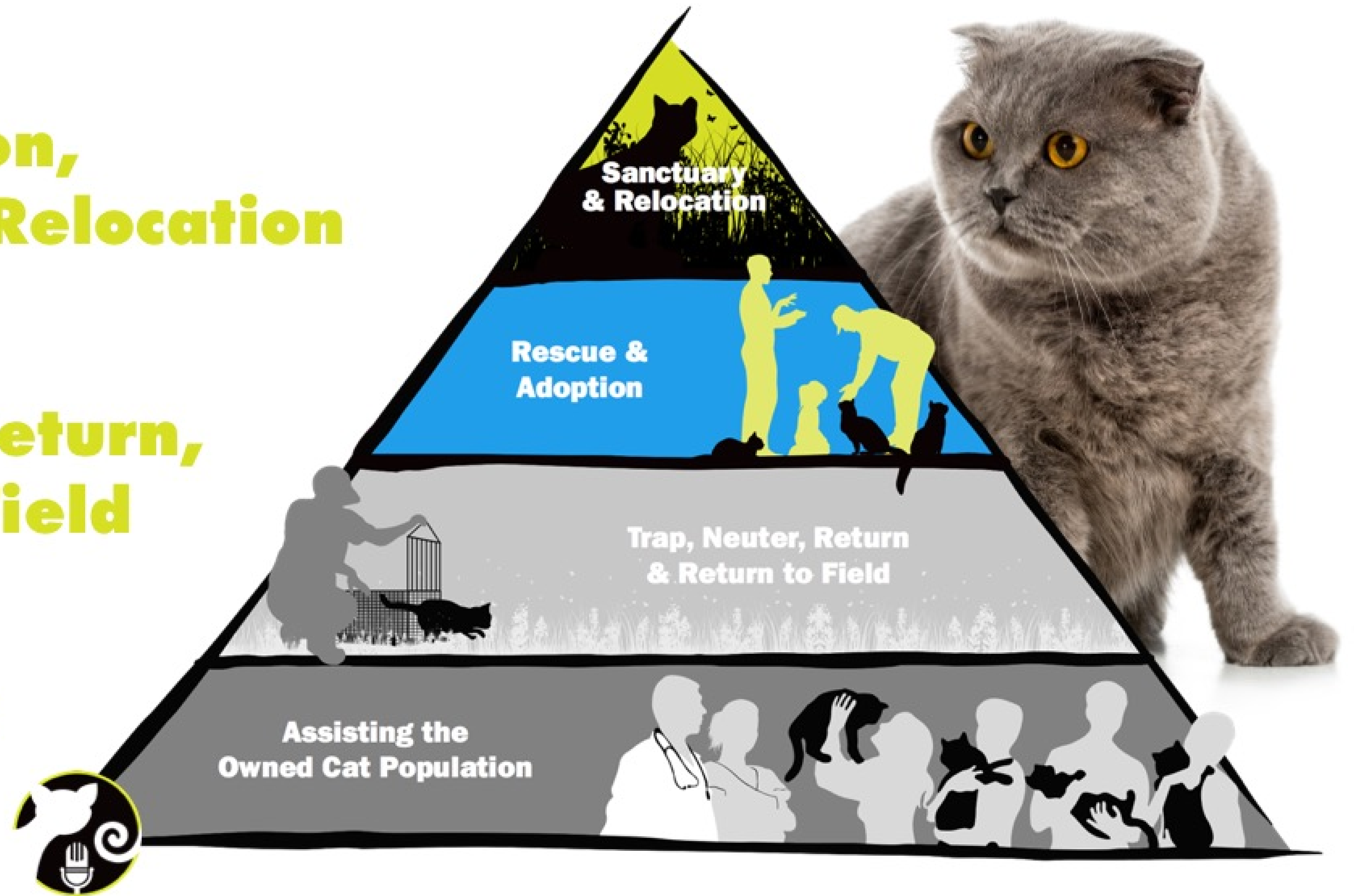
**Rescue, Adoption,
Sanctuary and Relocation**

Middle Sections:

**Trap, Neuter, Return,
and Return to Field**

Bottom Section:

**The Owned Cat
Population**



Let's talk about what many of us do now...



Let's talk numbers and why they mean something...



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**How to calculate
the number of
cats you'll need
to spay/neuter in
your community
to make an
impact...**



Figures We Know

30% of households own cats

Average 2.1 cats per household

**About 75,000,000 cats owned
in the USA**

**13-24,000,000 estimated
feral cats (1/3 of the owned
cat population)**

Sources:

www.avma.org/resources/reports-statistics/market-research-statistics-us-pet-ownership-2012
www.communitycatmovement.org/single-post/2018/01/13/How-Many-Feral-Cats-Are-There-in-the-US

Sample Community Size

100,000 Population;
let's estimate 4 people per household

Town A has 25,000 households

X 2 cats so 50,000 owned cats

90% of owned cats are sterilized

5,000 owned cats not sterilized

For TNR figures: I would use
 $5,000/3 = 1666+/-$ cats for TNR
(Release/Rescue)





In Summary

**If you're in a community with
100,000 people and you...**

**S/N 5,000 owned cats
(at very low cost or No cost) and
TNR (Return/Rescue) 1666 cats**

**...annually you will become
a kitten free zone!**

THANK YOU

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