I am going to discuss my cat rescue experience in the U.S. In 20 years of my residency in the U.S., I got myself involved with cat rescue volunteer work for about 8 years in Florida. Before my move to Orlando, Florida in 2005, I had lived mainly in Midwest (Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio) where I seldom saw stray cats. I was stunned to see so many stray cats roaming around the neighborhoods in Florida. Some people say that the warm weather in Florida helps multiply the stray cats’ population. During the weekdays, I was a professor. On weekends, I worked as a cat rescuer around dumpsters near campus. By 2014, when I returned to Japan, I was pretty good at doing TNR and had rescued more than 130 cats. I adopted three of my rescued cats and brought them back with me to Japan.

I will discuss (1) my cat rescue activity in Florida, (2) what TNR is, and (3) how volunteer workers communicate and help one another. During my talk, I will compare Japanese culture with American culture to help the audience learn about American culture.