

Summary:

The City of Deltona began the Trap Neuter Return (TNR)/Return to Field (RTF) program which started June 4, 2013 as a pilot program. The program works with a group of volunteers that trap and transport feral cats to and from City Hall where Animal Control Officers transport to clinics for sterilization, vaccination and to have their ears tipped for easy identification an animal has been through the program. The city currently utilizes Central Florida Community Pet Clinic & Spay-N-Save for sterilization procedures. Volunteers rehab the feral cats per aftercare guidelines provided by Central Florida Community Pet Clinic. Once the cat(s) have been contained per postsurgical guidelines they are returned in the area in which there were trapped from. All feral cats brought to City Hall are to be feral non friendly cats and must be brought in by a humane trap no carriers are allowed to be used for transporting the cats.

The TNR/RTF program has been adopted through Deltona Code of Ordinance, Article VII Section 14-280 in an effort to reduce the population and rebreeding of stray/feral/free roaming cats within the City. The TNR/RTF program has been used in many communities throughout the world assisting with free roaming cat overpopulation. The program is intended and utilized as a proactive program developed and intended to deal with the cat issues reflected in the City code.

One of the main reasons the Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program is non-productive, our Volunteers clash amongst one another, the Feeders do not like the Trappers and vice versa. It is assumed the colonies are monitored by individuals, however with change throughout the year's updates have not been provided, unless the colony is at a private residence, then it would be the property owner or tenant. Rogue feeders like the ones around Lowe's, CVS, Burger King and McDonalds, cause issues with the TNR program, by leaving mess behind causing an issue for the City with debris.

There is no true Colony Registration that is accurate and precise. Volunteers do not trap in any particular location, they will trap where they know there are feral cats or off of resident requests through the City.

There are times when, Volunteers trap cats the City pays for the cats to be processed through the program and then will be adopted out / or rehomed to individuals (with the ear tipped) and the money earned is put back into their rescue.

Transportation issues, many volunteers are not able to meet the transportation times for pick up and drop off and they would like a resolution meaning the ability for them to drop cats off and or pick up from the clinic etc. This idea would conflict with the City and Clinic's SOP.

TNR:

1. The City will comply with Florida Statute Section 828.27 relating to local animal control or cruelty.
2. Deltona Code of Ordinances, Article VII. Trap, Neuter, Release program; Section 14-280 - authorizes a trap, neuter, and release program to address concerns about feral cats in Deltona. Utilizing the following policies and procedures a proactive program has been developed to deal with cat issues as reflected in the City Code.
3. The City conducts a sterilization program for cats. The City's Program for cats is titled as the TNR or Return to Field (RTF) Program.
4. The City's TNR/RTF Program began on June 4, 2013, and works in partnership with the Halifax Humane Society, Central Florida Community Pet Clinic, Spay N Save, and Volunteers and various veterinarian clinics that provide services to sterilize, vaccinate and ear tip the community cats as an alternative to euthanization. The program assures that cats are humanely trapped, sterilized, medically treated and then returned to the field (RTF).
5. The City TNR/RTF Program provides as deliverables the following; (a) spay or neuter; (b) rabies; (c) ear tipping; (g) City supplies traps to Volunteers if available.
6. The City TNR/RTF Program does not pay for the following; (a) feline leukemia/FIV tests; (b) feline leukemia shots; (c) microchipping; (d) worming; (e) flea medications; (f) any other veterinary costs not related to the TNR/RTF Program.
7. The Volunteers are responsible for trapping the cat, transporting the cat to/from city hall, rehabbing the cat and returning the cat to location trapped (RTF).
8. All tipped ear cats that are trapped by a City Animal Control Officer or residents of the City will be released unharmed - closest to where initially found (RTF). The City Animal Control Officer shall document where the cat was picked up/trapped to better locate the (RTF).
9. The City or the Designated Volunteers will be notified of all tipped ear cats that are brought into the Halifax Humane Society (HHS), New Hope Humane Society or by a resident. Information about the location where the cat was picked up should be provided so that the cat will be returned to that location (RTF).
10. Cats found suffering from terminal or untreatable illnesses or injuries are transported to Halifax Humane Society or New Hope Humane Society or a local veterinary partner for evaluation, treatment or humanely euthanized.

City Responsibilities:

1. The City's responsibilities will be carried out by the Building and Enforcement Services Director or his/her designee. The City's designated Animal Control /Code Officer will be the first responder to all animal issues.
2. Calls concerning animal issues received by the City will be logged with the date, name and telephone number (s) of the resident as well as a short summary of the reason for the call including relevant information, and then as applicable will be handled by an Animal Control Officer.
3. In response to cat issues, the City will be following the below- referenced procedures as follows;
4. Explain the City's mandatory TNR/RTF Program and further explain that within the City - animals may not be poisoned, killed or subjected to acts of cruelty per Florida Statutes Sections 828.12, 828.08, and 828.13. The City will enlist the Volusia County Sheriff's Office if needed.

5. Offer educational resources in order to deal with possible issues without removing the cat from the area. Information is available on the City's website which is also identical to the information available on Volusia County's website.
6. Send an email of the logged cat request to the TNR/RTF Volunteers for coordination in addressing the potential issues.
7. If the City receives multiple complaints (more than 1) about a "naughty" cat, the City will require that the resident to fill out an affidavit as to the cat's misbehavior, with a description of the cat, and a description of the behavior that is causing problems or issues for the resident. An Animal Control Officer will attempt to handle the problem and if necessary, coordinate with the Volunteers.

Volunteer's Responsibilities:

1. The Volunteers must complete a volunteer form.
2. The Volunteers must commit to the following:
3. Sterilize and vaccinate against rabies for all cats that are captured. All cats that have been captured sterilized and vaccinated against rabies shall have their ears cropped by a licensed veterinarian with a single cut on the left ear at least one (1) inch from the outside tip of the auricle for identification purposes.
1. Make every attempt to sterilize all kitten over eight (8) weeks of age and before they reach sixteen (16) weeks of age.
5. Make every attempt to remove sick or injured cats from the area for immediate veterinarian care or humane euthanasia.
6. Proof of sterilization, vaccination and medical records for all cats will be provided by the spay/neuter clinic(s) to the City upon request.

Credits and Further Information

The Alley Cat Allies

www.alleycat.org

The Million Cat Challenge

www.millioncatchallenge.com

Neighborhood Cats

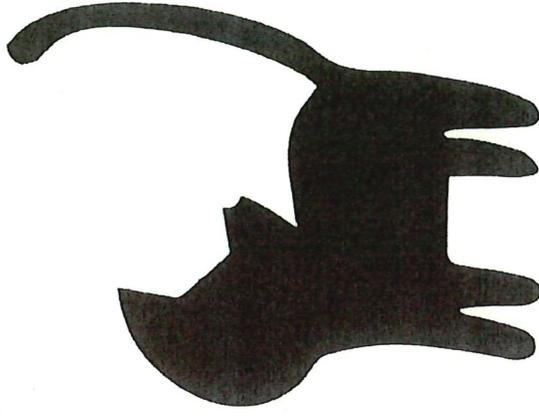
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Community Cat Program

This brochure has been created to help explain Deltona's Community Cat Program.

If you have any further questions, or would like to volunteer with the program, please contact the Community Cat Coordinator.



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TRAP • NEUTER • RETURN
We save lives!

Trap-Neuter-Return benefits the cats and the neighborhood.

The city of Deltona supports Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), a program for community cats. TNR has assisted many communities across the world in dealing with their cat overpopulation. As part of this nationally accepted program, cats are returned back to their original territory vaccinated and sterilized.

Bad behaviors associated with mating, such as yowling, spraying and fighting, decreases. The cats live out their lives and over time, the colony reduces in numbers as the cats naturally die off, while no new kittens are born into the colony.

The typical trap and euthanize methods used in the past were costly and ineffective at solving the cat overpopulation issue. It is found to be the most efficient way to help prevent unwanted litters and stray overpopulation.

All of the unowned cats are going to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal symbol of a neutered and vaccinated cat).

The Vacuum Effect:

The vacuum effect is a phenomenon scientifically recognized worldwide, across all types of animal species.

This “vacuum effect”, which happens when cats are trapped and removed from the colony, allows other cats to move in and take advantage of the newly available resources and to breed as early as 4 months. Attempting to relocate cats also creates a vacuum effect.

What is a community cat?

A community cat is a free roaming cat, not belonging to particular humans.

Here Are a Few Ways You Can Help

Keep your pet cats inside so they won't accidentally be trapped.

Contact us if you are feeding any cats in the neighborhood or surrounding area.

The more we know about where the cats eat and spend their time, the more successful we'll be.

Don't feed the outdoor cats on the day before trapping.

(Always continue to provide water). Feeding cats will enter traps only when they are hungry. Move your pet cat's feeding inside on the above date if you normally feed outside. Once the trapping day is over, you can go back to feeding the cats.

Your cooperation is vital to making your neighborhood a better, safer, healthier home for cats and people!

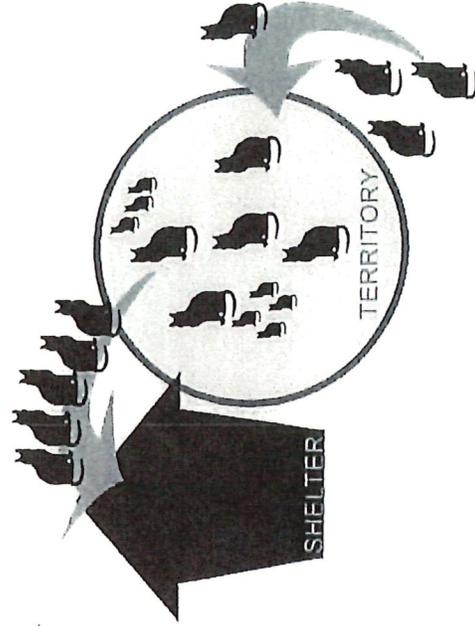


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CHAPTER 2022-213

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 105

An act relating to the regulation of smoking by counties and municipalities; revising the title of part II of ch. 386, F.S.; amending s. 386.201, F.S.; revising a short title; amending s. 386.209, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of public beaches and public parks under certain circumstances; providing an exception; amending ss. 381.84 and 386.211, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Part II of chapter 386, Florida Statutes, entitled “INDOOR AIR: SMOKING AND VAPING,” is renamed “SMOKING AND VAPING.”

Section 2. Section 386.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

386.201 Short title Popular name.—This part may be cited as by the ~~popular name~~ the “Florida Clean Indoor Air Act.”

Section 3. Section 386.209, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

386.209 Regulation of smoking preempted to state.—This part expressly preempts regulation of smoking to the state and supersedes any county or municipal ~~municipal or county~~ ordinance on the subject; however, counties and municipalities may further restrict smoking within the boundaries of any public beaches and public parks that they own, except that they may not further restrict the smoking of unfiltered cigars. A municipality may further restrict smoking within the boundaries of public beaches and public parks that are within its jurisdiction but are owned by the county, unless such restriction conflicts with a county ordinance, except that they may not further restrict the smoking of unfiltered cigars. School districts may further restrict smoking by persons on school district property. This section does not preclude the adoption of county or municipal ~~municipal or county~~ ordinances that impose more restrictive regulation on the use of vapor-generating devices than is provided in this part.

Section 4. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section 381.84, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.84 Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Program.—

(3) PROGRAM COMPONENTS AND REQUIREMENTS.—The department shall conduct a comprehensive, statewide tobacco education and use prevention program consistent with the recommendations for effective program components contained in the 1999 Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs of the CDC, as amended by the CDC. The

program shall include the following components, each of which shall focus on educating people, particularly youth and their parents, about the health hazards of tobacco and discouraging the use of tobacco:

(h) *Enforcement and awareness of related laws.*—In coordination with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the program shall monitor the enforcement of laws, rules, and policies prohibiting the sale or other provision of tobacco to minors, as well as the continued enforcement of the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act prescribed in chapter 386. The advertisements produced in accordance with paragraph (a) may also include information designed to make the public aware of these related laws and rules. The departments may enter into interagency agreements to carry out this program component.

Section 5. Section 386.211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

386.211 Public announcements in mass transportation terminals.—Announcements about the Florida Clean ~~Indoor~~ Air Act shall be made regularly over public address systems in terminals of public transportation carriers located in metropolitan statistical areas with populations over 230,000 according to the latest census. These announcements shall be made at least every 30 minutes and shall be made in appropriate languages. Each announcement must include a statement to the effect that Florida is a clean ~~indoor~~ air state and that smoking and vaping are prohibited except as provided in this part.

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor June 24, 2022.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 24, 2022.