

Wake County, North Carolina

CODE OF ORDINANCES ch. 91: Animals, Community Cat Initiative

§ 91.40 Community Cats

The County of Wake adopts this community cat initiative subchapter.

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§ 91.41 Trap-Neuter-Return Programs

(A) Organizations or individuals that engage in Trap-Neuter-Return are encouraged to register through a sponsoring organization. Organizations performing or supporting Trap-Neuter-Return in Wake County shall identify and nominate a community cat sponsoring organization, which shall be recognized by the Wake County Environmental Services Director or his designee.

(B) The community cat sponsoring organization shall make available to the public information about Trap-Neuter-Return and feral cats, shall attempt to notify the appropriate community cat caregiver when notified by the Animal Services Division about an impounded eartipped cat, and shall provide a single point of contact to the Animal Services Division for the coordination of Trap-Neuter-Return, calls about at large cats, and calls about complaints related to community cats.

(C) Responsibilities of the community cat caregiver:

- (1) Cats must be trapped using humane trapping techniques;
- (2) Cats must be assessed by a veterinarian and deemed healthy at the time of spay/neuter surgery;
- (3) Cats must be spayed or neutered;
- (4) Cats must be vaccinated for rabies and FVRCP (Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia);
- (5) Cats must be eartipped;
- (6) Cat bites must be reported to Wake County Animal Control.

(D) Responsibilities of Wake County Animal Services Division.

(1) Persons that contact Wake County Animal Services about stray or community cats shall be provided information about Trap-Neuter-Return and referred to the community cat sponsoring organization.

(2) When a person contacts Wake County Animal Services with a complaint about an eartipped community cat, county staff will contact the community cat sponsoring organization for assistance in resolving the complaint.

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