

# Trap-Neuter-Release Options

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# Discussion Background & Council Direction

- **Presentation to Council on TNR on October 6 Work Session**
  - TNR definition
  - Benefits & Challenges
  - Regional Comparisons
- **Council directed staff to explore legalizing TNR activities within McKinney**

## Possible Trap, Neuter, Release Scenarios

Less Involved

Moderate

More Involved

- Ordinance Amendments

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- Colony registration program
- Trap Distribution

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# Minimal Staff Involvement

- **Amend ordinances to not prohibit TNR activities in McKinney**
- **Benefits**
  - **Low cost**
    - No city-provided equipment or oversight
  - **Quick implementation**
    - Citizen manages TNR activities independently
- **Challenges**
  - No tracking or accountability
  - Difficult to address complaints
  - Potential for unmanaged colonies

# Moderate Staff Involvement

- Ordinance amendments to not prohibit TNR
- **Colony registration**
- **Traps provided to registered residents**

- **Citizen Role**

- Responsible for colony care and reporting

- **City Role**

- Trap distribution Registry maintenance

- **Benefits**

- Supports citizen involvement
  - Improved oversight of TNR activities

- **Challenges**

- Unknown number of colonies
  - \$ - Trap distribution
  - Registry management
  - Lack of reported data

# High Staff Involvement

- Ordinance amendments to not prohibit TNR
- Colony registration required
- **Implementation of a Colony Sponsor Program**

- **Colony Sponsor Program**

- City, Sponsors, Caretakers
- Sponsors work directly with Caretakers
  - Responsible for Education, Training, Data
- Serve as liaisons between caretakers and City staff

- **City Role**

- Respond to nuisance complaints (registered colonies)
- Maintain database of colonies and caretakers
- Coordinate with local Vets. For subsidized spay/neuter services

- **Benefits**

- Strong community engagement and accountability
- Builds long-term infrastructure for humane feral cat management

- **Challenges**

- Caretaker fully responsible for financial obligations
- Likely to impact primary service delivery
  - Increased staff responsibilities
    - Sponsor, Database, and Complaint management

# Discussion