

Trap-Neuter-Release Options

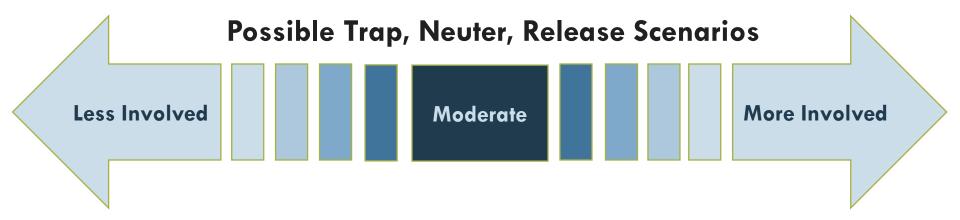
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Discussion Background & Council Direction

- 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



OrdinanceAmendments

- Ordinance amendments
- 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