

TNR FactCheck.org

The Feral Cat program

Columbus, Georgia



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Bad for Cats, Disaster for Birds:
<http://youtu.be/kejgi3p6-9E>

About TNRFactCheck.org

The city of Columbus implemented a TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) program, ostensibly to address the burgeoning feral cat population in the city. The real reason for the program is to reduce or eliminate euthanasia rates for Animal Control. TNR programs are very poor at reducing citywide populations of feral cats, but very good at reducing euthanasia rates. The program was presented, developed, and implemented with only the input of TNR advocates. There was no public input, no stakeholder meetings, no benefit analysis, and no research to see if there were negative consequences to TNR programs. No considerations were given to property rights, human health and environment, or the devastating effects of cat predation on birds and other wildlife. The city did not canvass neighborhoods to see how residents might feel about living next door to a feral cat colony, sometimes with 65 or more to a colony. A city ordinance was enacted to protect the program that restricts property rights and exempts cat keepers from liabilities, sanitation practices, and responsibilities that apply to all other citizens. The ordinance doesn't even require cat keepers to trap the cats for sterilization.

TNRFactCheck.org gives the public a voice the city did not give. It relates the real world effects of TNR that were withheld and exposes to public scrutiny the program itself and the contents of the ordinance. In a question and answer format, the TNR Handbook page answers what is TNR, and describes the real world effects vs the claims of its proponents. The City Narrative page explains how TNR was manipulated through the system in Columbus, who was responsible, who is hurt, and who benefits. The City Documents page presents the Ordinance for scrutiny and analyzes the contents. A better solution than TNR is detailed on the TENVAC, Not TNR page. That solution includes more effective methods of controlling and eliminating feral cat populations, which will also reduce euthanasia rates, protect the cats, humans, and wildlife - an equal piece of the pie for everyone. Finally, on the Reference Library page are references and links to the locations where you can find the science about TNR, as well as other documentation. You can judge for yourself if this program was implemented in a fair and

equitable manner with the well being of Columbus citizens in mind, or if it was created by a few to serve the interests of a few at the expense of all. I don't expect for you to just take my word for it that TNR programs hurt everyone, including the cats; read the evidence on these pages for yourself.



How would you like to live next door to 65 feral cats?

“The ecological dangers [of feral and free roaming cats] are so critical that the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) now lists domestic cats as one of the world’s worst non-native invasive species. In the U.S., free-roaming domestic cats kill an estimated 1.4-3.7 billion birds and 6.9-20.7 billion mammals. The sheer quantity of cat-caused mortality is staggering. For perspective, consider that 1.4 billion is equivalent to the entire human population of China, the most populous country in the world.” - abcbirds.org

**IF YOU ALLOW YOUR CAT TO ROAM,
THIS IS WHAT IT IS DOING
OUT OF YOUR SIGHT:**



**DO YOU REALLY WANT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THIS? IF NOT, THEN CONTAIN YOUR
CAT AND OPPOSE TNR.**

**Video: House Cat Eats Baby Birds:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=aknWpkCu024**



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