

TNR Program Rules

- I. Feed the colony daily throughout the year, including weekends and holidays, in a controlled manner established by the program guidelines as follow:
 - a. The feeding of colony cats shall take place during daylight hours only. All cat food shall be stored in a manner to prevent access by animals other than the cat(s) for which the food is intended.
 - b. No cat food shall be discarded outdoors. All cat food shall be securely stored indoors to avoid attracting pests, rodents, or wildlife.
 - c. Outdoor feeding shall be limited to an appropriate amount of food for daily consumption of the cat(s) intended to be fed. An appropriate amount of food shall mean no more than four (4) cups of food for each cat within a twenty-four (24) hour period.
 - d. Colony caregivers may only feed and/or provide shelter to stray/feral/community cats at the location for which they are approved to conduct said activity.
- II. Each colony caregiver shall actively bait traps for feral cats that not yet been spayed/neutered. The ACO may provide a trap/traps unless the registrant has their own. The ACO will also provide trapping instructions to the colony caregiver, who will be responsible for trapping feral cats and notifying the ACO when a feral cat has been successfully trapped. The ACO will make an appointment with a spay/neuter clinic, pick up the cats, transport them to and from the clinic and back to the registrant's property. The colony caregiver will be responsible for each trap lent to them by the city. If the trap is damaged, lost, or stolen while in their possession, they will be charged the total replacement cost for the trap.
 - a. Make every attempt to capture and sterilize all kittens between eight (8) weeks to sixteen (16) weeks of age. Kittens less than eight (8) weeks old should be removed for potential domestication and placement.
 - b. Make every attempt to remove sick/injured cats from the colony for veterinarian care or humane euthanasia (if applicable). Public health and safety concerns regarding rabies and other feline diseases pose a significant threat to public health if not adequately monitored.
- III. Colony caregivers are responsible for contacting the ACU in January and June each year to provide an update on their colony. Information provided must include the number of cats remaining in the colony and the disposition of any cats no longer in the colony, if known.
- IV. An ACO may visit the colony and the property at any time to ensure compliance with this program. However, the ACO will make their best effort to notify the property owner/caregiver at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance.
- V. Neighborhood complaints of the colony creating a public nuisance, as defined in the *City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances*, will require the immediate attention of the colony caregiver to rectify.
- VI. The caregiver shall notify the city when there are no more cats in the colony, regardless of whether that occurs between two bi-annual census counts. Once the colony is vacant, the caregiver will be withdrawn from the program and shall immediately remove all colony related items, such as shelter and food.
- VII. A caregiver found in violation of any program rules, codes, laws or other regulations may be removed from the program and, upon removal, any remaining cats shall be trapped and removed from the colony. In addition, that caregiver shall be responsible for all spay/neuter/vaccination and/or boarding costs incurred by the City for cats removed from that colony.

If a registered caregiver fails to complete the 4-hour course within 6 months of application approval, he/she shall be removed from the program and any remaining cats will be trapped and removed from the colony. In addition, that caregiver shall be responsible for all spay/neuter/vaccination and/or boarding costs incurred by the City for cats removed from that colony.