

Dear \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Official

I would like to express my outrage about our town's current policy of killing stray and feral cats who enter our animal shelter. I believe that there is a more humane, more cost effective way for our community to manage the local cat population.

I know that we are facing a growing population of cats and need to find a solution. The decision to trap and kill the cats, however, is not an acceptable answer.

Randomly trapping and removing cats has failed to reduce our feral cat population and is needlessly wasting our hard earned tax dollars. Other cats are simply moving in to take advantage of the available resources and breeding prolifically to form new colonies. This "vacuum effect" is well documented.

The only proven way to reduce the number of cats in our community is to stop the breeding. Trap Neuter Return (TNR), the practice of sterilizing the cats and returning them to their habitats, is the affordable and humane solution. TNR programs cost one third to one half as much as trap and kill because they end the cycle of reproduction.

TNR works. Reproduction stops and the cat population numbers gradually go down. The annoying behaviors of mating cats, such as yowling or fighting, stop. The cats are vaccinated and they are fed on a regular schedule. This ongoing care creates a safety net for both the cats and the community.

Alley Cat Allies, a national non profit established in 1990, promotes nonlethal population control of feral cats. With their help, our community can be a model of humane, cost effective population reduction. For more information on TNR please visit **[www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org)**.

As a taxpayer, I urge you to stop the killing. Please place an immediate moratorium on trap and kill activities in our community and contact Alley Cat Allies at **[alleycat@alleycat.org](mailto:alleycat@alleycat.org)** to learn more about this humane and effective alternative for our community cats.

Sincerely,

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Signature

Printed Name

Date

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Address

**Support Our Local TNR Program**

Save A Kitty Feral Cat Program

P.O. Box 1442

Parkersburg, WV 26102

**[www.saveakitty.org](http://www.saveakitty.org)**

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