

A BETTER WAY



To prevent the futile process of trapping and euthanizing cats, we would like to provide you with resources to **control the cat population** in your area.

Getting feral cats **spayed/neutered and vaccinated** is essential, and we can provide you with the resources for these services at **very little cost**, and sometimes at **no cost at all**.

Having feral cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated **stabilizes** the cat population, **prevents** newborn litters of kittens, **supports** healthier communities and **reduces** unwanted behaviors such as spraying/marking, fighting and yowling.

Burlington Animal Services is available to assist you in any way we can to help reduce the overpopulation of cats in your area in a **humane and effective manner**. Please **email us** if you need help with outdoor cats or other animal needs.

animalservices@burlingtonnc.gov



DID YOU KNOW

If you see a cat with a **“tipped left ear”** (missing the tip of the left ear), this cat has been previously **trapped, neutered or spayed, and vaccinated**.

T N V R
Trap. Neuter. Vaccinate. Return.



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Solutions for
 cats
in rural areas
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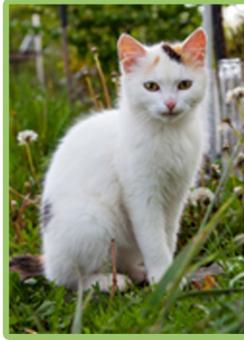
DEAR RESIDENT:

We hope this brochure finds you well. We created it to help you with feral/ outdoor cats in your community.

Recently, several cats have been trapped in your residential area and brought to

Burlington Animal Services. The City of Burlington's Animal Services Department handles animal sheltering services

for all residents of Alamance County.



If you are missing a cat, please contact us immediately or check our website to see if we have it.

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EASY & EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO CAT BEHAVIORS

If you are feeding outdoor cats, we ask that you consider the following:

- Even if you are leaving out food for one or two cats, you are likely attracting numerous cats to your area.
- If these cats are allowed to freely roam outdoors, they may be climbing on neighbors' cars, getting into their trash, digging in their gardens, or becoming a nuisance by roaming on their property.
- Often, frustrated neighbors will trap these cats and bring them to the shelter.
- Unfortunately, the majority of feral cats that enter Burlington Animal Services are held for 72 hours and then euthanized (put to death humanely).

STOP FEEDING

If you don't want to spay or neuter the cats you are feeding, please don't feed them.

If your neighbors are feeding outdoor cats, consider the following actions to help keep the cats away:

- Talk to your neighbors; if anyone is feeding cats outdoors, refer them to BAS for resources on low-cost spay/neuter services.
- Place a tight lid on your trash can to ensure that cats are not getting into your trash to eat.
- Try natural cat deterrents, such as orange and lemon peels, coffee grounds, vinegar, tobacco, lavender oil, lemongrass, citronella, eucalyptus, or moth balls.
- Use plastic carpet runners or chicken wire set into the dirt to keep cats out of your garden.
- Set up a motion-activated water sprinkler or ultrasonic device to keep cats out of your yard.
- Purchase a car cover if cats are getting onto your car.
- Visit www.burlingtonnc.gov/pets and see the Pet Help Resources tab for more ideas.

FERAL OR COMMUNITY CATS ARE UN-OWNED, OUTDOOR CATS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SOCIALIZED WITH PEOPLE. CATCHING OTHERWISE HEALTHY FERAL CATS AND TURNING THEM OVER FOR EUTHANASIA IS AN ENDLESS AND COSTLY CYCLE.

ONCE CATS ARE REMOVED FROM AN AREA, OTHER CATS WILL MOVE IN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEWLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES. THESE CATS WILL THEN BREED AND PERPETUATE THE CYCLE OF CAT OVERPOPULATION.