

## Sample Letter to Legislators

### Letter on Trap-Neuter-Return

[Date]  
[Official's Name]  
[Official's Address]

Dear [ ]:

My name is [ ]. I have lived in [ ] for [ ] years. I am writing to state my support for Trap-Neuter-Return. Under TNR, cats are humanely trapped, neutered, vaccinated, eartipped for identification, and returned to their outdoor homes. TNR is the only humane and effective way to reduce the feral cat population.

I am involved in the following ways in conducting TNR in our community: [ ].

Feral cats are the same species as pet cats, but feral cats are not adoptable. "Feral" means that the cats are not socialized to people and generally avoid contact with humans. Under TNR, these unadoptable cats are neutered and vaccinated. As a result, the feral cat population stabilizes and decreases. TNR makes feral cats healthier and ends the breeding cycle, which means no more kittens. It also ends mating behaviors including yowling, fighting, spraying, and roaming. Feral cats in TNR programs are just as healthy as pet cats. They receive vaccinations and ongoing management from generous volunteers.

More and more communities are embracing TNR. The following nearby communities already practice TNR: [ ]. According to a recent study by Alley Cat Allies, more than 340 cities and counties participate in TNR. They have adopted TNR because the old way of doing things, catching and killing cats, has failed to address the feral cat population.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]