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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Trap, Neuter, Return (Vaccinate & Manage)

To Whom it May Concern:

I have been advised that the Brampton TNR Group will be making a presentation to Mayor and Council about a Trap, Neuter Return program. I am writing in support of this program.

I am the founder/director of Georgina Feral Cat Committee - a volunteer organization in the Town of Georgina. We are in full support of a Trap, Neuter Program and wanted to let you know of our experience.

We operate a Trap/Neuter.Return (TNR) program in the Town of Georgina. In the past 5 years, we have spay/neutered about 800 cats/kittens. Many of these have been kittens, who have been tamed up and adopted into loving homes (all spayed/neutered before adoption)

We have been operating under a 2 year pilot project with the Town of Georgina. Our bylaw manager will present to Mayor and Council in January to make it a permanent program, because of the many benefits, Our program has been beneficial to the residents and the Town in a number of ways.

The number of feral cats has been reduced - because they have been spay/neutered, there have been less births. Also any friendly cats and kittens have been removed from the streets and adopted into loving homes as strictly indoor cats

The remaining cats are all vaccinated against rabies ensuring public safety

The TNR'd cats exhibit less disturbing behaviour - less roaming, yowling etc, making better neighbours

The number of cats arriving at the shelter has been reduced - due to less kittens being born in the wild and through our taming and adoption program

There is a cost savings to the Town - less animals being processed by animal control and less cats arriving at the shelter plus less complaints to the bylaw department
Less calls to the bylaw department with cat complaints - happier residents

Our Town offers a spay/neuter rebate to all residents and we also receive this to help with our costs. Our efforts are funded by donations from our community plus we all volunteer our time.

A TNR program is a win win situation for all - the City, the residents and the cats as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions

Regards

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