

Feral Cat Proposed Code

Background

In 2014, Washoe County Commissioners gave direction to WCRAS to work on a Chapter 55 Code addressing provisions related to the managed care of feral cats and clarifying the definitions of “nuisance” and “owner”.

WCRAS worked with NHS to develop a Code that outlines the managed care of feral cats in Washoe County through a Sponsor and a colony caretaker concept.

Summary of Code proposals

Definitions for:

- Feral cat colony
- Colony caretaker
- Colony Sponsor
- Trap-Neuter-Release Monitor Program

Proposed Code section will outline:

- Sponsor responsibilities
- Regional Animal Service’s responsibilities
- Colony caretaker responsibilities
- Colony monitoring
- Complaint resolutions

Community Concerns

- Potential negative impact on wildlife
- Potential spread of disease
- Destruction of property