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Pinellas County Commissioners,

The Humane Society of Pinellas believes that targeted Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR), caregiver education, and advocacy is an effectively and humane method of reducing the free-roaming cat population in Pinellas County. Therefore, the Humane Society of Pinellas supports the Pinellas County ordinance that allows TNVR practices in our community.

The Humane Society of Pinellas believes that TNVR will greatly help the free-roaming cats in our community. By sterilizing these cats, we believe the nuisance behavior of unsterilized cats will subside, the spread of disease in free-roaming cats and wildlife will be significantly reduced, and the intake of cats at our Pinellas County shelters will decline, resulting in less euthanasia.

Since 2014, The Humane Society of Pinellas has been providing spay/neuter surgeries to community cats in Pinellas County. In cooperation with other Pinellas County animal welfare organizations, we are able to ensure cats in need of surgery are able to receive these services, which include spay or neuter surgery, eartip, tattoo and rabies vaccine and other life-saving medical care if necessary.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions regarding this humane effort.

Regards,

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Director of Operations

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Pinellas County's Largest No-Kill Shelter