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Some disagree with trap-neuter-release program for feral cats



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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- Feral cats are often blamed for the spread of rabies. So how should they be dealt with in Albuquerque?

One current method being utilized involves saving cats from euthanization while saving space at the shelter.

But not everyone is happy with it.

The method of trap-neuter-release of feral cats is done to keep too many of the animals from being euthanized, but opponents of the practice say it's inhumane. Trap-neuter-release, or TNR, as it's called, is a method of controlling the feral cat population - keeping them from breeding out of control.

Street Cat Hub, which practices TNR in Albuquerque, says they joined forces with the city to reduce the euthanasia of cats at the city shelter and to end the euthanasia of healthy feral cats. In fact, Albuquerque Animal Humane says since this program has been in place, cat euthanasia has gone from 75 percent to only 6 percent.

"While it sounds good on the surface that they're alive, they are going to die on city streets in always horrific circumstances," says Marcy Britton, an outspoken opponent of TNR.

Britton sued the City of Albuquerque three years ago to stop the practice. She argues that while feral cats are vaccinated for rabies at the time of capture, they still pose a public health risk once released.

"They're never re-vaccinated," she said. "So if a child walks up to a cute little cat like this and gets her arm bitten, she's going to have to undergo painful rabies shots."

According to alleycat.org, an international cat advocacy organization, less than 1 percent of cats are in need of being euthanized due to debilitating conditions, trauma or infectious diseases. They say the practice improves feral cats' lives while reducing overpopulation. They also say that cats' lifespans were comparable to the mean lifespan of 7.1 years after released from TNR.

Still, Britton stands firmly against the practice, she said the city should once again capture and shelter feral cats, in hopes they can be adopted. But she admits it could lead to more euthanasia. Britton said she intends to launch yet another lawsuit to stop the practice.



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