

## Key Issues/Questions for FRC Task Force

Success depends on multipronged approach and public support.

- Trap Neuter Release (TNR)
- Taming and adopting of kittens
- Education (anti-abandonment, strengthening human cat bond, need to spay/neuter, etc.)
- Readily available, low cost spay/neuter services
- Aggressive adoption programs

TNR-specific issues:

- Definition – What is TNR and why is it being done?
- Legal issues
  - Ownership
  - Trespass
  - Rabies
  - Ordinance change?
- Structure
  - Public private partnership (Wake County)
  - County driven (Spartenburg/Miami Dade)
- Licensing/training of caretakers
  - What is in it for caretakers over the status quo?
  - Guidelines for responsible management of cat colonies available from veterinary associations.
- Returning Cats:
  - Only to maintained colonies or just returned to location they were trapped from?
  - Consideration of property owner rights and wishes.
- Tracking of cats – cornerstone of program.
  - Identification: tattoo or microchip?
  - Who would be registrant of identified cats? County? Non-profit? Caretaker?
  - Database – who maintains? Private partners or OCAS? Could use \$20 Fix as a model – non-profit maintains records, but county has access to them at any time.

- Testing for disease
  - Cost-prohibitive?
  - Only when funding available?
  - Some tests not reliable – high false positives in leukemia tests
  - How would testing affect public support for program?
  
- Funding:
  - Creating a program and having a public/private partnership could open numerous funding/donation opportunities
  
- Community Education
  
- Affordable & accessible spay neuter services
  
- Requirements:
  - Shelter require adopters to agree to keep cats indoors?
  - Property owners/managers/Homeowners Associations (HOAs) require that tenants or HOA members sterilize companion animals.
  
- Best programs/ordinances to put forth as models