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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

92 Franklin Street - 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

TO: Members of the Erie County Legislature

FROM: Karen M. McCarthy, Clerk

DATE: December 16, 2014

SUBJECT Support for INTRO. 26-3 Erie County Support for the Practice of Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return

Please review the attached letters that were received December 16, 2014 by mail from officers of organizations in support of Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) practices.

Thank you.

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FERAL CAT FOCUS INC. OF WNY

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1-888-902-9717 (toll free)

www.feralcatfocus.org

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Karen McCarthy, Clerk of the Legislature
Erie County Legislature
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Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Feral Cat FOCUS Inc. of WNY is writing to state our support for the Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) resolution to be submitted by Legislator Morton.

Feral Cat FOCUS was founded in 2003. We are committed to humanely reducing the feral and free-roaming cat overpopulation in Erie County through the use of TNVR as a long-term solution. Our goal is to make TNVR fully understood, accepted and practiced in every community.

Feral cats are the same species as pet cats, but feral cats are not adoptable. "Feral" means that the cats are not socialized to people and generally avoid contact with humans. Through TNVR, these unadoptable cats are neutered and vaccinated. As a result, the feral cat population stabilizes and decreases. TNVR makes feral cats healthier and ends the breeding cycle, which means no more kittens. It also ends mating behaviors including yowling, fighting, spraying, and roaming. Feral cats in TNVR programs are just as healthy as pet cats. They receive vaccinations and ongoing management from generous volunteers.

TNVR improves the cats' lives, saves taxpayer dollars, addresses neighbors' concerns, and helps the entire community reach a solution that benefits everyone.

More and more communities are embracing TNVR. According to a recent study by Alley Cat Allies (www.alleycat.org), hundreds of cities and counties participate in TNVR. They have adopted TNVR because the old way of doing things, catching and killing cats, has failed to address the feral/free roaming cat population.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Edie Offhaus, Co-Founder

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Legislator Morton's TNVR Resolution

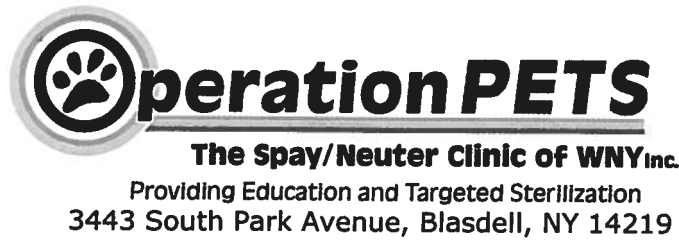
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Hope for Cats, I wish to express the organization's support of Legislator Morton's Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) resolution which is expected to be a subject of the Legislature's December 18, 2014 session. Hope for Cats, a rescue, shelter, and adoption organization, founded in 2007, recognizes TNVR as the best practice for community cats. TNVR is the standard for humane and effective reduction of reproduction and overpopulation, improvement of the community cats' health and welfare, and reduction of the number of cats entering shelters. We urge the entire Legislature to join Legislator Morton in support of this initiative, adding Erie County, NY to the entities taking the lead in this issue.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Waible
Vice President & Secretary

Cc: Lynne M. Dixon, Legislator District 9

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December 15, 2014

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Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Operation PETS: the Spay/Neuter Clinic of WNY Inc. is a not for Profit 501©3 organizations. Our mission is to stop euthanasia by reducing the over population of animals through spaying and neutering. Operation PETS was one of the first *all* Spay/Neuter Clinics in New York State. Approximately 47,000 animals have been altered at Operation PETS since 2008, and approximately 12,500 feral/ free roaming cats have been altered since that time.

Operation PETS has and will continue to be committed to Trap/Neuter/Vaccinate and Return (TNVR) of the free roaming cats in Erie County.

We are writing to encourage the Erie County Legislature to support the Trap/Neuter/Vaccinate /Return (TNVR) resolution submitted by Legislator Morton.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I may be reached at lrobinson@operationpets.org or 716-783-8998.

Sincerely,

Linda D. Robinson
Executive Director and Co-founder
Operation PETS: the Spay/Neuter Clinic of WNY

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BestFurPets, Inc.
P.O. Box 1162
Orchard Park, NY 14127
(716) 479-7975

12-15-14

Dear Legislators:

We whole-heartedly support Legislator Moran's Resolution endorsing TNVR.

BestFurPets, Inc. has helped various Erie County cat colonies w/ TNVR because this is the best solution to dealing w/ feral cats, per animal experts nation-wide.



just one of our TNVR cats

As you each may know, two unaltered cats can make about 450,000 unwanted cats in seven years. TNVR is humane because it prevents a lot of future suffering for the animals, as well as for the constituents.

Thank-you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Joan Beverly, Director

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HEART ANIMAL RESCUE & ADOPTION TEAM INC.

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www.heartforanimals.org

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

HEART Animal Rescue and Adoption Team, Inc. has rescued thousands of abandoned and discarded felines for over 30 years. Irresponsible humans and owners who have chosen to not spay/neuter their animals are the cause of the feral cat population.

It is our fervent wish to be put out of the rescue business and the Trap – Neuter – Vaccinate – Return Program is a positive and proven way to accomplish this. Currently there are simply not enough resources available to address this problem. One single female cat can reproduce 1,000 kittens in her lifetime!

We wish to make our positive support for the resolution endorsing TNVR known.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Rich".

Carol Rich
Treasurer and Board Member

c Legislator Ted Morton



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Second Chance Sheltering Network, Inc.

All Volunteer, No Kill Animal Rescue Organization
www.secondchanceshelteringnetwork.com

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RE: A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR MORTON

Second Chance Sheltering Network, Inc. has been working collaboratively with other organizations doing TNVR and have seen the positive results that this method has.

Please let it be known that we are in full support of TNVR and would encourage the Legislature to approve this resolution fully.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration of our request for support of this resolution.

Sincerely,

Helen M. Terwilliger
President

