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Trap-Neuter program has pros and cons

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Frankfort's City Commission work session Monday night was filled as people for and against the proposed Trap-Neuter-Release pilot program packed into City Hall's commission chambers.

The commission tabled an ordinance at its regular meeting March 24 to establish the pilot after members said they had received information cautioning them against TNR from State Public Health Veterinarian John Poe.

Members of the Franklin County Humane Society along with several supporters attended the work session in an effort to have the ordinance taken off the table and voted on. They were met by another group citing several reasons the program should be voted down. The two sides debated more than an hour during the citizen comment portion of the meeting.

"Science shows that TNR is devastating to local ecosystems," Frankfort resident Brent McCarty said. "The Wildlife Society has done a lot of research showing the U.S. has more than 148 million outdoor cats that kill billions of birds each year."

TNR harmful?

Those who oppose TNR say the practice is harmful to both the felines and other living things in the environment. Because cats are not native to America, they have very few predators in the area, allowing them to hunt smaller animals and breed largely unchecked.

TNR programs take years to fully go into effect, years that some people fear local species don't have. Further, many claim that by establishing a TNR program through ordinance the city would be condoning abandonment of cats by their owners, which would only add to the number of cats in the community.

The Wildlife Society is not the only group to oppose TNR either. Others, including the American Veterinary Medical Association and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) also oppose the practice.

Instead, many said they would like to see the cats trapped, neutered or spayed, and put in a sanctuary where they can be kept away from endangered species of birds or plants.

TNR effective?

Proponents of TNR, however, claim that the program is proven to be effective if done right. Humane Society volunteer Gae Broadwater, who coordinates TNR activities in the county, said Louisville and Woodford County have had success with the program.

Woodford County has seen so much success in reducing feline overpopulation that it actually has openings for cats at its shelter, she said.

Broadwater added that she has seen success with the program locally as well, and that the Humane Society has spayed and neutered more than 900 cats in the past two years.

Humane Society Board President Sam Marcus said that a sanctuary for cats is unrealistic because of the costs associated with it.

"It costs us about \$5 a day to keep a cat," Marcus said. "...If you have a shelter for 1,000 cats that's \$1.8 million a year. Where is a sanctuary going to be? Who will staff it?"

Megan Fischer, a Bellepoint resident, said she privately trapped several feral cats from her neighborhood and paid to have them spayed and neutered, and she has seen no new cats in the area since.

Commissioners torn

Commissioners were torn on the subject. Robert Roach said he is unsure which way he would vote on the decision if the issue comes off the table at the upcoming voting meeting April 27.

Commissioner Lynn Bowers, however, said she still supported the pilot program because she thought even if it failed it wouldn't make the cat overpopulation problem any worse.

"It's not a perfect solution but all of the solutions we've seen so far have their own problems," Bowers said. "We're playing God, and anytime you play God you make mistakes."

The commission may take action on the TNR ordinance at the April 27 meeting.

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