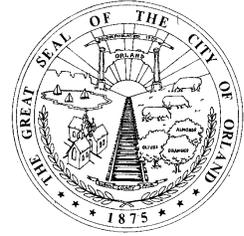


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ORLAND INTRODUCES FERAL CAT PROGRAM

Responding to numerous complaints in several neighborhoods about excessive numbers of unwanted cats causing disturbances, the City of Orland is partnering with Glenn County Animal Control and Burnham Veterinary Clinic in an effort to reduce the public nuisance of feral cats.

Effective immediately, the clinic will accept trapped feral cats from Orland residents who present evidence of City residency, pay a \$5 co-pay, and attest that they do not know who owns the cat and that the cat is causing a neighborhood disturbance.

The veterinary clinic will scan each cat for microchips, evaluate for health and adoptability, and make a professional determination of proper disposition on a case by case basis. The City will reimburse the clinic \$20 for each cat processed.

City residents who would like to rent a trap can contact Animal Control or stop by the Orland Police Department. There is a \$20 security deposit on traps, plus \$1/day rental fee with a 10-day rental limit; the deposit can be partially refundable when the trap is returned to the agency.

As an option, residents can pay \$25 directly to Animal Control to have the trapped animal transported away.

In addition to this citizen-participation partnership, Animal Control will also continue independent collection of feral cats as resources allow. Feral cats are by definition not tame or domesticated, and thus can be difficult to catch and generally require trapping. Feral cats tend to react as wild animals when approached by humans, and are likely to have fleas, mites and other more serious health issues.

“I’m very pleased that we finally have a chance to get this problem under control,” said Orland Vice Mayor Salina Edwards, “too many neighborhoods have been suffering from misguided people who set food out for feral cats. It’s not good for the cats or the humans in the neighborhood.”

Orland has received praised for its initiation of this program from the American Bird Conservancy and a licensed rehabilitator of songbirds.

Glenn County Animal Control officers can be contacted at 934-6507.

Orland Police Department is open weekdays at 817 Fourth St, and can be contacted any time at 865-1616.

Burnham Veterinary Clinic is located at 6545 County Road 48, and can be contacted at 934-3311.

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