

BOROUGH OF DUNMORE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2023- 1

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING  
FEEDING OF FERAL AND/OR STRAY CATS

It shall be unlawful for any person to feed feral and/or stray cats, where such feeding causes a nuisance to neighbors or creates a condition contrary to the health, safety, and welfare of the Borough of Dunmore and its residents, unless such person participates in or has completed Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). The Borough will reimburse each resident for the costs of participation in the TNR program, upon presentation of a payment receipt. This cost of \$50 should include neutering/spaying, ear tipping, rabies, and distemper shots. Any person feeding cats must provide appropriate shelter for each cat they are feeding. In addition, if they participate in the Trap-Neuter-Return program, they must provide the appropriate shelter and post-surgery recovery time before releasing the cat. Any person feeding cats must provide appropriate shelter for each cat. The following actions shall be permitted in Dunmore Borough as part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program:

- A. Trapping, for the sole purpose of sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, and ear tipping feral and/or stray cats, in accordance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, where applicable.
- B. A person who returns a feral and/or stray cat to its original location while conducting Trap-Neuter-Return is not deemed to have abandoned the cat.
- C. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) shall be the preferred disposition for feral and/or stray cats. The local shelter and other animal welfare organizations are authorized and encouraged to conduct Trap-Neuter-Return or to direct feral and/or stray cat caregivers to a Trap-Neuter-Return program.
- D. Feral and/or Stray Cat Caregivers may continue to provide basic food, shelter, and medical care to feral and/or stray cats who have completed the Trap-Neuter-Return program throughout the natural lifespan of the feral and/or stray cat.
- E. Feral and/or Stray Cat Caregivers are responsible for the long-term maintenance of their feral and/or stray cats. Any new unaltered/unvaccinated feral and/or stray cats must be trapped, neutered, and remain in compliance with the ordinance.
- F. Any person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a \$100 fine and for every 30 days they remain non-compliant, an additional \$500 fine may be imposed and Borough officials may enter their property and trap the cat or cats.
- G. Any person found trapping cats and releasing them into the wild will be in violation of this ordinance and subject to fines as set forth in paragraph F.

H. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**ADOPTION**

This Ordinance shall be effective on 12 FEBRUARY 2024 and shall remain in force until modified, amended, or rescinded by the Borough of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

ENACTED AND ADOPTED by the Council this 12 day of FEBRUARY,  
2024.

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

By: Janet Brier  
Janet Brier, Council President

APPROVED, this 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the Mayor of the Borough of Dunmore.

Max Conway  
Max Conway, Mayor