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LETTER TO COMMISSION
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To: Mayor Charles W. Burkett, Vice Mayor Tina Paul, and
Members of the Town Commission

From: Mark Blumstein, Town Manager *MB*

Date: August 18, 2025

Subject: **Town of Surfside's TNR (Trap, Neuter, and Release) Program**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you of the implementation of the Town of Surfside's TNR (Trap, Neuter, and Release) Program, which is designed to help alleviate the overpopulation of cats within and around the Town. For your reference, please see the attached flyer.



News From Town Hall

THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE'S TNR PROGRAM (TNR = TRAP, NEUTER, RELEASE)

Dear Residents,

Years ago, back in 2001 and less than a year after I moved here with my family, Town residents joined together and formed a Florida Not For Profit corporation known as the Friends of Surfside Cats, Inc. It was created to help alleviate and control the overpopulation of cats in and around the Town of Surfside. This organization continues to exist today and is now led by Ms. Suely Caramelo of Bay Harbor Islands and fellow former and current residents of the Town.

The Friends of Surfside Cats has joined forces with Dr. Matthew Toscano of the Street Cat Clinic, Inc., another Florida Not For Profit Corporation, to perform the TNR and spay/neuter rescued outdoor kittens to prepare them for adoption. To that end, these entities work with yet another Florida Not For Profit Corporation known as Cat Solutions 305, Inc., led by Ms. Tia Williams, to coordinate all cat trappings without charge for the Street Cat Clinic and our TNR program.

These organizations will help the Town control our cat population by trapping outdoor kittens and cats, sterilizing them so they don't reproduce, vaccinate them, prescribe flea treatment, as necessary, ear tip them if returning to the street and not adoptable, and provide any necessary pain medication.

Our very own Officer Dianna Hernandez of the Surfside PD will serve as the Town's point of contact for this TNR program. If you find outdoor kittens or cats that have not been ear tipped in Surfside, whether in the neighborhood or on our beach, please contact Officer Hernandez by calling the Surfside PD at 305-861-4862. Please ask for Officer Hernandez and the TNR program and advise where the kittens or cats were last seen so we may help control the outdoor cat population growth in Surfside.

Mark Blumstein, Town Manager

