



CITY OF DALLAS

Dallas Animal Services reminds all pet owners that both dogs and cats are to be kept secured at all times and not allowed to run loose and unconfined. Recently, Dallas Animal Services amended our laws to allow a feral cat colony to exist under the definition listed below:

Dallas City Ordinance

Art. III, Care and Treatment of Animals

Sec. 7-3.1. Proper Restraint

- (a) An owner of an animal commits an offense if he fails to restrain the animal at all times in a fenced yard, in an enclosed pen or structure, or by a tether or leash.
- (b) No animal may be restrained by a leash unless the animal is in the immediate possession of and accompanied by the animal's owner.
- (c) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a) that the animal was:
 - (1) a dog in an off-leash site established under Section 32.6.1 of this code; or
 - (2) a feral cat participating in a trap, neuter, and return program approved by the director.

Approved Feral Cat Program

The trap, neuter, and return programs for feral cats maintained under the auspices of KittiCo Cat Rescue, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization specializing in TNR since 1998, and approved under Section 7-3.1. (c)(2).

Department of Code Compliance
Dallas Animal Services Division