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FERAL CAT CAREGIVER PERMIT APPLICATION

Name of Feral Cat Caregiver: _____

Address of Feral Cat Caregiver: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address where cats will be housed: _____

 (Must be in Ephrata Borough)

Are you the owner of this property? YES _____ NO _____

If not the owner, do you have permission to feed the feral cats? YES _____ NO _____

**If not the owner, please obtain signed proof of permission from the property owner and attach to this application.*

	Color	Breed	Sex	Rabies* Vacc Date	Distemper* Date	Ear-tipped* Date	Neutered* Date
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I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct and that any false statement may result in the denial or future revocation of the Cats at Large Permit, if approved. I also agree to abide by all conditions of approval and municipal code requirements if this application is approved. I understand I must comply with the use of safe trapping, treatment and return of feral cats that the Borough may require by ordinance. I further understand any violation of the Ephrata Borough Code of Ordinances shall constitute grounds for revocation of an approved permit and subject to Penalties as stated in Chapter 123, Article V, Cats at Large.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Treatment to be performed by a veterinarian currently licensed in Pa.*



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CATS AT LARGE/CAT CAREGIVER INFORMATION

Definitions

Feral Cat – Any cat that is unsocialized to humans, whether the cat was born outside and never socialized with humans or a domesticated cat which has strayed and over time has become unsocialized to humans; any homeless, wild or untamed cat.

Feral Cat Caregiver – Any person or organization that, in accordance with these regulations, who has a permit issued by the Borough of Ephrata to trap, treat, and return feral cats.

Instructions and Requirements

- 1. Any person seeking to be a feral cat caregiver shall submit an application for a feral cat caregiver permit to the Codes Department on a form provided for that purpose, together with any other documents or certifications as may be required pursuant to such application form.**
- 2. Feral cats trapped as part of a permitted program must be sterilized and vaccinated for rabies and distemper prior to release.**
- 3. All feral cats receiving treatment shall be ear-tipped for identification.**
- 4. Treatment of feral cats shall only be performed by a veterinarian currently licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.**

Prohibited Acts

- 1. It shall be unlawful for any owner of any cat to permit such cat to run free outside the residence or real property of its owner or keeper unless said cat has been:**
 - A. Neutered or spayed to prevent it from procreating; and**
 - B. Immunized against rabies in compliance with Pennsylvania law; and**
 - C. Appropriately “tipped” on the left ear to signify that it has been neutered/spayed and immunized.**
 - D. A Permit issued under this Article does not authorize a feral cat caregiver to enter upon private property without the permission of the landowner.**

Violations

Any person who shall violate any provision of the Ordinance shall, upon summary conviction before a District Justice, be subject to a fine for each offense of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1000 and the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of fine and costs of prosecution shall be sentenced to imprisonment of not more than 30 days. Each day a violation shall remain shall constitute a separate violation and a violation of each section of this Article shall be considered a separate offense.

Enforcement

Borough staff or their designees shall have the authority to seize and detain any cat causing annoyance or damage by running at large and to transport such animal for impoundment in an animal shelter. Said staff is hereby authorized to go upon any premises to seize, detain or impound any cat that poses an imminent risk to the public health, safety or general welfare.