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Subject: Follow-up regarding feral cat issue and 4/14 meeting.

Dear Mayor and Council,

I should have included the link below in my earlier email. This is the Resolution of the NJ Fish and Game Council on TNR and free-ranging cats. In the Resolution they specifically mention NJSA 23:2A-14, which makes it illegal to intentionally leave out food that can be accessed by or attractive to bears:

http://tnrrealitycheck.com/media/NJ_Fish_Game_Council_Res.pdf

Also, I read at the following link that Ms. Lerner presented the Board of Health a petition of more than 300 signatures of people who support TNR.

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009904010409>

I have to wonder if those 300 folks would welcome a managed cat colony next to their home or place of business. In fact, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) "defers to local officials to determine the appropriateness of allowing a managed cat colony at a site within a municipality". Please note, this is *per site*, not simply throughout a municipality.

Municipalities permitting TNR should have the designated colony caretaker select 'a site' and then get the permission of everyone within a certain radius of that site for a managed feral cat colony. Harboring what may be dozens of cats (and whatever other wild animals that cat food will attract) should be a land use-zoning issue, if even considered at all.

Sincerely,
Linda Cherkassky
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