

**Whiteside County Health Department**

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**Policy: Animal Control Stray Cat**

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**Purpose:**

Whiteside County adopted a trap neuter release (TNR) ordinance in 2018 to aid in the control of the over population of stray/feral cats. Whiteside County Animal Control will assure the best and most appropriate care of each stray cat dropped at the WCHD Animal Control Pound.

**Procedure:**

1. Whiteside County Animal Control will accept each stray cat dropped off that is injured or is being a nuisance, free of charge.
2. Each stray cat will be assessed for its adoptability.
3. When appropriate the stray cat shall:
  - a. Be placed in the adoption center; or
  - b. Be transferred to a humane society; or
  - c. Be humanely euthanized; or
  - d. Be returned to its designated zone or relocated to a farm.
4. The person dropping the stray cat off at Animal Control will be notified of the four options above and will be given the opportunity to take the stray cat elsewhere if they so desire.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Health Administrator / CEO

Date: \_\_\_\_\_