



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FERAL CAT AND WILD ANIMAL POLICY

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy is applicable to all Florida State University faculty, students & staff. It is intended to outline the management of feral cats (*domestic cats that have gone wild*) and wild animals on the Florida State University campus.

POLICY

Florida State uses the Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR) program when dealing with feral cats. The cat is trapped humanly, spayed/neutered and then released back onto the campus where it was captured. The cat is also given a health checkup during this time to ensure it is well and able to continue to survive in the wild.

The program has proved to be the most effect method of managing the feral cat population and ensures that we keep the numbers manageable on the campus.

In the case of a nuisance wildlife, we trap them and then release them back into the wild away from the FSU campus.

The below regulations must be adhered to when handling either aforementioned group

1. Never approach, pet or handle a wild animal or feral cat – either can inflict serious harm.
2. Never feed or house wild animals.

When non-domesticated animals are fed by humans they very quickly associate food to the human and become dependent upon it. This not only introduces a potential safety risk to others but also is detrimental to the animal itself, wild animals can lose the ability to survive in the wild.

3. Always report any animal that acts threatening or aggressive.
4. Always report any sick or hurt animal – ensure you identify the exact location so a trap can be set.

Please call Facilities Service Center @ 644-2424 to report the situation

Following the above regulations will ensure the safety and wellness of both human and animal.