### Resources

Borough of Wildwood Crest Shore Animal Control

https://ecode360.com/ WI0226

Borough of Wildwood Code Municipal Code Chapter 5 -Animal Control 5-1 to 5-7.

https:// ecode360.com/3610 7645

www.ShoreAnimalControl.com



#### **Penalties**

Anyone who owns, keeps, harbors or maintains a cat within the borough shall exercise sufficient and proper control and care over such animal at all times to prevent the animal from becoming a public nuisance. A cat shall be considered a public nuisance if it has no known owner or custodian, or place of care and shelter, or it habitually trespasses upon or damages either private or public property or harm's lawful users or occupants thereof, or if it causes a definable public health hazard which is supported by medical documentation.

Any person who violates, or who fails, or refuses to comply with Chapter 5 Animal Control, Article I, Licensing of Cats and Prevention of Nuisances of Cats shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$50, and not more than \$250, for each offense, to be recovered by and in the name of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

Borough of Wildwood Crest 6101 Pacific Avenue Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Wildwoodcrest.org 609-522-5176

# Cats in Wildwood Crest





## Cat License

No person shall keep or harbor any cat within the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May without first obtaining a license.

#### Why should I license my cat?

Cat licensing ensures that cats have up to date rabies immunizations, which protects your family and pets against rabies. Licensing also has the added benefit of providing an easy way of identifying lost cats so they can be quickly returned to their proper owners.

#### When do I have to license my cat?

Any cat which has attained the age of seven months, or which possesses a set of permanent teeth is required to get a license. Cats brought into the Borough for a period of less than 30 days are exempt from licensure.

#### How often must licenses be renewed?

Licenses must be renewed annually in the month of January.

#### Are vaccinations required?

All cats shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

#### How to get a license

#### Information and fees

Cat license and annual renewal fee is \$3.00

Licenses are obtained through the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 6101 Pacific Ave, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260. You will need proof of your cat's current rabies immunization and a description or photo of the cat.

## Stop the Breeding

- 1. Report kitten sightings to Shore Animal Control immediately 1-800-351-1822
- 2. Do not feed stray cats as you might also attract unwanted wildlife, unless you are attending to the care and feeding needs of a colony of feral cats as part of an approved Trap-Neuter-Release ("TNR") program.
- 3. If you are a managed feral cat colony feeder, the food should be taken away after a 30 minute feeding interval to avoid creating wildlife issues.
- 4. All cats in the Borough of Wildwood Crest must be licensed, except feral cats that are part of an approved TNR program. Please call the municipality to secure a license.

## TNR, Stray and Feral Cats

Kittens are cute, but need to captured when first spotted so the mother can be trapped along with the kittens.

The Cape May County Animal Shelter together with the Animal Outreach of Cape May County (a non-profit organization) operate the Spay and Neuter Clinic. They help abused, abandoned, and neglected animals in Cape May County. The Animal Outreach provide spay/neuter services, vaccination, and microchips for cats and kittens. Low-cost spay/neuter programs are available to County residents through the Cape May County Animal Shelter's Population Control Plan. Low OR no cost spay/neuter programs will continue for County residents participating in an approved TNR program which is a program that seeks to control the feral cat population. Trap Neuter Release is an incentive program offered to all municipalities of Cape May County. The TNR program traps, vets, neuters/spays and releases the feral cats back to their living area and is completely funded through donations to the Cape May County Animal Shelter. If an animal remains in the shelter (and not returned to their town of origin) there is a fee.