

Feral Cats

Every life is precious, whether it's rare or not

What Is a Feral Cat?

A feral cat is an unsocialized cat. Either he was born outside and never lived with a human family, or he is a house cat that has strayed from home, over time, has thrown off the effects of domestication and reverted to a wild state. Feral cats avoid human contact.

They Have a Home – Outdoors

Adult feral cats are like wildlife. They usually cannot be socialized and are most content living outside. On the other hand, feral kittens up to 10 weeks of age can often be tamed and placed in homes.

Feral Cats are Generally Healthy

The incidence of disease in feral cat colonies is no higher than among owned cats. Feral cats shun human contact; they aren't interested in interacting with you or your children.

Feral Cats Do Not Deplete the Wildlife

Studies show that the overwhelming cause of wildlife depletion is destruction of natural habitat due to man-made structures, chemical pollution, pesticides, and drought – not feral cats.

Trap-Neuter-Return

There is a solution that not only reduces feral cat populations, but also improves the lives of feral cats: Trap-Neuter-Return. TNR is a proven procedure in which entire colonies of stray and feral cats are humanely trapped, then evaluated, vaccinated, and neutered by veterinarians. The cats are then returned to live out their lives under the watch of voluntary caregivers.

TNR works – the breeding stops, populations are gradually reduced, the annoying behaviors of breeding cats stop. The cats are vaccinated against disease, and are fed on a regular schedule. The ongoing care creates a safety net for both the cats and the community.

The humane, nonlethal method of population control, is more effective than trap-and-kill, and is more reflective of a caring society.