

Working Together To Solve This Problem

It's easy to co-exist with neighborhood feral cats. If you are willing to take a few small steps you can not only help these cats become good neighbors, you can help drastically reduce the feral cat population problems.

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TIPS FOR LIVING WITH
FERAL CATS
IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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What Is A Feral Cat?

A feral cat is unsocialized and avoids human contact. Pet cats who are forced to fend for themselves because they have been abandoned or lost, and kittens who are not socialized at an early age, can become feral. If outdoor “pet” cats are unsterilized, more feral kittens are born and the cycle continues.

Feral cats are unadoptable. These cats cannot be simply relocated, they have a territory and removing cats does not end the problems. Catch and kill is also not effective as a long term solution. More cats will take the place of removed cats. In order to control feral cat populations, Trap-Neuter-Return is the only real solution on population control. Cats are humanely trapped, taken to a veterinarian for spay/neuter surgery and vaccinations, and returned to their territory.

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LIVING WITH FERAL CATS

Not everyone enjoys living with cats in their yards. However, these simple tips will help you co-exist with your neighborhood cats. There are simple solutions to any problems feral cats may be causing you or your property.

PROBLEM- Cats are digging in my garden.

Reason: It is a cats natural instinct to dig and deposit in soft or loose soil, mulch or sand.

Easy Solutions:

- Scatter fresh orange or lemon peels, spray with citrus fragrance, or add coffee grounds or pipe tobacco as natural deterrents that will not harm your garden.
- Plastic carpet runners, chicken wire, or lattice type patterns are also deterrents.
- Add rocks to your garden bed.
- Pet stores have mats or sprays that are safe for cats and gardens

PROBLEM- Cats are sleeping under my porch, shed, etc.

Reason: They are looking for dry, warm shelter.

Easy Solutions:

- Block open areas with lattice or chicken wire, be sure to search for anyone hiding first!
- Provide a shelter- like a small doghouse hidden away.

PROBLEM- Cats are getting into my trash.

Reason: Cats are scavengers and are looking for food.

Easy Solutions:

- Place a tight lid on your trash can.
- You or your neighbors can feed the cats. Cats that are not hungry will not scavenge. Feed during daylight hours at a consistent time in an out of the way place.

PROBLEM- Cats are climbing on my car,

Reason: Cats like to perch on high ground.

Easy Solutions:

- Putting cat shelter and food in a secluded place discourages them from climbing on your car.
- Put an appropriate cover on your car to put an immediate end to complaints.

PROBLEM- I smell cat urine.

Reason: Tom cats spray to mark their territory.

Easy Solution:

- Practice TNR- neutered cats have less urge to mark and it also makes urine less pungent.

PROBLEM- Feeding cats attracts insects and wildlife.

Reason: Food is left out too long or at inappropriate times.

Easy Solutions:

- Keep the cat feeding area neat to avoid insects.
- Feed cats at a designated time, during daylight hours. Only provide enough food to finish in one sitting. Remaining food should be taken in before twilight.

PROBLEM- Cats are yowling, fighting, and having kittens.

Reason: Yowling and fighting are mating behaviors. Cats that have not been sterilized will breed prolifically.

Easy Solution:

- Spaying and neutering cats will reduce the sex drive hormones causing these behaviors.
- Male cats will stop competing.
- No more kittens.
- Typically within 3 weeks the hormones have left the cats system and behaviors usually stop entirely.

