

These cats are in your neighborhood because that is where they lived or they were abandoned there. Many of them are left behind when irresponsible people move away. Helping these cats is the humane and compassionate thing to do. They are confused and scared and are just trying to survive through no fault of their own.

Community cats can be good neighbors if they are sterilized, vaccinated and cared for.



There are many helpful hints on our website to help you deter nuisance cat behavior while being humane and compassionate to these cats. Please see the "How to live with cats in your neighborhood" section on our website at www.saveakitty.org Thank you for caring.

Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program
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Your local (TNR) Trap, Neuter, Return Program for compassionate, caring residents helping community cats. We will teach you how to obtain sterilization services, vaccinations and how to properly care for the cats you are helping.



If there are cats or kittens in your neighborhood that you would like to help, please call Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program @ (304)488.4679 for information and resources. You can also get information from our website at www.saveakitty.org

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Helping Community Cats in your neighborhood



Community cats are: stray or free-roaming cats (un-owned or abandoned) and feral cats (un-socialized and afraid of humans)

So you are seeing cats in your yard or neighborhood? Like all animals, feral cats and stray cats make their homes in areas they are familiar with and where they can find food and shelter and often in close proximity to humans.

Many of these cats are un-adoptable, especially feral cats and virtually 100% of them are killed at shelters. They should not be taken to shelters.

You can help community cats – Be part of the solution

Many residents are feeding these cats and truly care about their well-being. These cats should be spayed-neutered, eartipped, vaccinated and returned to their outdoor home. They are part of our community and were abandoned through no fault of their own. There are always alternative options for the cats. A TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) Program is the answer. The cats will be sterilized, vaccinated and returned to their home to live out their lives. Compassionate residents will continue to feed the cats and monitor them for health issues. TNR is the answer. The cats' health improves and the population stabilizes and declines over time. Sterilizing cats before they reproduce can greatly reduce the number of homeless and feral cats and kittens.

Kittens can come in to heat at four (4) months of age. They can be sterilized at 8 weeks of age. If you are feeding stray or feral cats, there are humane ways to sterilize the cats and help them live long, happy, healthy lives.



The behaviors and stresses associated with mating, such as yowling and fighting stop.

Removing these cats from their living area creates a Vacuum Effect as do attempts to relocate the cats. Once the cats are removed, new cats move in to take advantage of the newly available resources. It's an endless cycle and the vacuum effect is well documented in a variety of animals.

5 Easy Steps to deter cat behavior:

- 1) Talk to neighbors to determine if the cat is a pet. If not, sterilize the cat immediately.
- 2) Apply non toxic deterrents around your yard.
- 3) Put a tight lid on your trash can.
- 4) Block gaps in your sheds and foundation. Make sure the cats are not trapped in them.
- 5) Use a car cover for your vehicle

These steps are for residents who rather not have the cat(s) in their yard. Remember, there are residents in the community who want to help the cats. Please do your part by allowing them to assist the cats in living longer, healthier lives by not interfering. Thank You!