

HAVE YOU SEEN **FERAL CATS** IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Are you feeding the cats, but not fixing them? If so, you are adding to their misery by helping them breed. Be a *CAREGIVER*, not just a *FEEDER*!

Team up with an experienced local rescuer and VSA to solve the problem.

THE PROBLEM

Over 100 million feral cats roam the streets of the United States. The neighborhoods of Florida are home to thousands. Too wild to be adopted, these cats make their homes on the streets. They breed very rapidly . . . a pair of cats can produce 2 or more litters per year, which can ultimately result in 400,000 cats in 7 years!!!

THE SOLUTION

DO NOT

Remove the Cats!

Because cats congregate around food sources, if you remove a group of cats, a new group will move in and start to multiply.

Poison the Cats!

Poisoning is cruel and inhumane. It is also *ineffective* (for the reason mentioned above), *illegal* in Florida, and punishable by a fine and/or jail.

Just Feed the Cats!

Feeding stray cats without spaying/neutering them only perpetuates the overpopulation problem.

DO

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)

TNR is the only universally recognized humane method of controlling the growth of the feral cat population. It entails trapping all the cats in a colony, spaying & neutering them, adopting out the kittens and friendly cats, then returning the wild adults to their territory and providing them with food and shelter.

Stabilizing the population by spaying and neutering is what keeps new cats away!

TNR BENEFITS THE CATS & THE COMMUNITY

Benefits to the Cats

- Improves the health and lifespan of the cats.
- Decreases the spread of diseases like feline AIDS & leukemia.
- Reduces the number and suffering of starving cats and kittens.
- Removes friendly cats and kittens from the streets and finds permanent homes for them.

Benefits to the Community

- Eliminates the annoying behaviors of cats fighting and howling at night and the odor from unaltered males "spraying" (marking their territory.) This makes feral cat colonies more tolerable to people who object to them.
- Over time, results in a dramatic reduction in size of the colony through low or zero birth rate and attrition.
- Establishing stable colonies of feral cats is a good way to keep rodents away!

WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION?

Email us at: vsarescue@aol.com

(Note: TNR assistance applies to homeless cats only. House pets should be spayed / neutered by the owner.)