



Have you seen stray cats in your neighborhood? Are you feeding cats?

PARTNER WITH THE ASPCA TO STOP THESE CATS FROM BREEDING!

THE PROBLEM: Over 100 million stray cats roam the streets of the United States. The neighborhoods of New York City are home to a significant number of them. Too feral (wild) to be placed in homes, these cats make their new homes on the streets. They breed rapidly! A pair of cats can produce 2 or more litters per year which can result in 400,000 cats in 7 years!

THE SOLUTION:

DON'T EXTERMINATE THE CATS

Because cats congregate around food source, a new colony of cats will move in and start to multiply as soon as you remove the old colony. Stabilizing the population by spaying and neutering the colony keeps new cats and rodents away.

DON'T POISON THE CATS

Poisoning is ineffective and illegal in New York, punishable by a fine and/or jail if convicted.

DON'T JUST FEED THE CATS

Because you feed and care for your colony, they are healthy enough to breed if left unaltered and will continue to give you more mouths to feed. A neutered colony prevents competition for food and shelter, thus increasing your colony's survival rate.

DO PRACTICE Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)

TNR is the universally recognized humane method of controlling the growth of feral cat colonies. It entails trapping all the cats in a colony, neutering them, adopting out the kittens and friendly cats, then returning the feral adults to their territory and providing them with food and shelter. TNR is humane for these reasons:

1. Spaying and neutering ensures longer, healthier lives and decreases the spread of diseases like FIV and leukemia.
2. Spaying and neutering eliminates annoying behavioral problems, making the colony more tolerable among your neighbors. In fact your neighbors won't even see or smell them anymore!
 - Altered cats roam less because they won't be in search of a mate.
 - Neutered male cats fight less because there is no competition for mating.
 - Neutered male cats don't spray foul smelling urine.
 - Spayed female cats don't howl because they will no longer go into heat.
3. Cats will stay close to their food source and shelter, thus mitigating the risks of living outdoors, such as poisoning, being hit by a car, etc.

Are you ready to be part of the solution? If you are a caretaker of a colony, the ASPCA wants to help you spay and neuter your feral felines. Call (877)SPAY NYC or visit www.asPCA.org/nyctnr We host TNR workshops taught by Neighborhood Cats (www.neighborhoodcats.org), rent humane cat traps and provide free spay/neuter services through our mobile clinic program.