

How can you be a part of the solution?

- 1) **SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR OWN PET!** Sterilizing animals is an important step in maintaining their good health. The following organizations can provide information on low-cost spay/neuter services in your area: **Pet Assistance 619-544-1222, SNAP 619-525-3047 or SNAP'S Neuter Scooter 866-772-9287.**
- 2) Call our Hotline 619-758-9194 and make a reservation, then **BRING STRAY, UNOWNED CATS TO ONE OF OUR CLINICS!**
- 3) **BECOME A VOLUNTEER** and encourage your personal veterinarian to become involved!
- 4) **TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE FCC!** If someone you know is caring for stray, UNOWNED cats, let them know about our services. Education is the key, so make others aware of the feral cat problem and tell them how they can help!



Trap-Neuter-Return is a proven program in which stray and feral cats already living outdoors in cities, towns, and rural areas are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered by veterinarians, and then returned back to their familiar habitat under the lifelong care of sympathetic volunteers.

**Be responsible:
NEUTER AND SPAY
Don't let them stray**

Since we began in 1992, we've spayed or neutered over 2,000 cats per year! The Feral Cat Coalition is made up entirely of volunteers, and donations are always welcome and needed. All money received goes directly back into achieving our goal: reducing the enormous number of homeless, unwanted cats and alleviating their suffering!

Please send your tax-deductible contributions to:



Feral Cat Coalition

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**A free trap,
spay/neuter &
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What is a feral cat?



So, you ask, what exactly is a **FERAL CAT**? Read on and you'll learn more about a problem that's causing a lot of suffering...and costing you money!

Feral cats are the 'wild' offspring of domestic cats and are primarily the result of pet owners' **abandonment or failure to spay and neuter their animals**, allowing them to breed uncontrolled. Feral cat 'colonies' can be found behind homes, shopping areas or businesses, in alleys, parks, abandoned buildings, and rural areas. They are elusive and do not trust humans.

Many people assume their animals will survive when they move away and leave them behind. Contrary to popular belief, **domestic animals** do not automatically regain their 'natural' instincts and **cannot fend for themselves!** Already, U.S. animal shelters are forced to take in millions of homeless cats (and dogs) annually. The alternative to humane euthanasia for almost every stray is a violent end or slow, painful death. Many 'throwaways' die mercilessly outdoors from starvation, disease, abuse, or as food to a predator.



A pair of breeding cats, which can have two or more litters per year, can exponentially produce **420,000 offspring** over a seven-year period. And the overpopulation problem carries a **hefty price tag**. Statewide, more than **\$250 million (largely from taxes)** is spent by animal control agencies and shelters for cat (and dog) related expenses. There are just not enough homes.

In response to this staggering problem, the **FERAL CAT COALITION** was formed. The **FCC** is an organization that works with the public to trap, spay or neuter, and return feral cats back to their colony. This service is provided to the community **at no cost** by licensed veterinarians and volunteers with **one goal in mind: alleviating the suffering of homeless cats and reducing their enormous population!**

Help us help the ferals
Become a volunteer



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Trap-Neuter-Return

Studies have proven that **trap-neuter-return** is the **single most successful method** of stabilizing and maintaining healthy feral cat colonies with the **least possible cost** to local governments and residents, while providing the **best life for the animals** themselves.

Spaying/Neutering homeless cats:

- Stabilizes the population at manageable levels
- Eliminates annoying behaviors associated with mating
- Is humane to the animals and fosters compassion in the neighborhoods
- **Is more effective and less costly than repeated attempts at extermination**—costs for repeatedly trapping and killing feral colonies are far higher than promoting stable, **non-breeding** colonies in the same location. Vacated areas are soon filled by other cats that start the breeding process over again!

