Get Informed: Discover the Truth about Feral Cats

Though feral cats are members of the domestic cat species and are protected under state anti-cruelty laws, they are typically fearful of humans.

Feral cats’ needs are not met by the current animal control and shelter system because animals who are not adoptable are euthanized. Even no-kill shelters are not able to place feral cats.

Feral kittens can often be adopted into homes, but they must be socialized at an early age. There is a critical window and if they aren’t handled in time, they will remain feral and therefore unadoptable.

Feral cats can have the same lifespan as pet cats. And they are just as healthy too. The incidence of disease in feral cats is just as low as in pet cats. They live healthy, natural lives on their own, content in their outdoor home.

Catch and kill doesn’t work. Cats choose to reside in locations for two reasons: there is a food source—(intended or not)—and shelter. When cats are removed from a location, survivors breed to capacity or new cats move in. This vacuum effect is well documented.

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) works. No more kittens. The population stabilizes and their lives are improved. The behaviors and stresses associated with mating, such as yowling or fighting, stop. The cats are vaccinated before being returned to their outdoor home. Not only does TNR make good sense, it is also a responsible, humane method of care for outdoor cats.