

THE GREAT DEBATE



BENEFITS OF TNR

- Allows spayed/neutered, vaccinated, ear-tipped cats to be returned to their outdoor area to live out their lives (Ear-tipping is a universal symbol of a spayed/neutered feral cat).
- Humanely controls the cat population over time.
- Reduces the number of cats killed by keeping them out of municipal shelters.
- Minimizes nuisance behaviors like spraying, fighting, howling and roaming.
- Improves health of cats and neighborhood relations.
- Reduces the 'vacuum effect' - where removal encourages reinvasion of new cats to the area.

FACT: After decades of eradication efforts of feral cats, the Science is quite clear: The only proven way to reduce, and eventually eliminate, community cats is through intensive TNR efforts.

! There have been reports of up to 98% reduction in nuisance complaints for cat related calls over a 2-3 year span in some communities.

* Information was collected from bestfriends.org website, visit for actual statistics and more detailed information.





SO WHAT DO I DO IF THE COMMUNITY CATS CONTINUE TO BE A NUISANCE?



Here are some simple ideas you can try in your yard to deter cats from using it at their leisure.

Protect Your Garden Beds



To make your garden beds less inviting try using deterrents such as prickly yard trimmings, like twigs or pinecones, egg shells or

stone mulch. Lay down old carpet between plants, abrasive side up, or try chicken wire, plastic fencing or lattice. You can trim holes around your plants, and as they grow they will grow through and around it. Repurpose old chopsticks as stakes and position them in a way that would make it difficult for cats to maneuver through them.

Use Scent To Deter



Cats dislike the smell of lavender, rue, pennyroyal, coleus canina, and lemon thyme.

Plant these throughout your yard to deter cats from entering it. Like citrus fruits? Cats do not like the smell of citrus, so save those orange peels and toss them onto your garden beds and hedges. What other food related smell do they not like? Coffee. Sprinkle coffee grounds over soil to help deter unwanted felines. Lastly, for a quick solution, you can use commercial cat repellents that copies the smell of predator urine to deter unwanted feline guests. It is strongly recommended to do some research prior to using this method.

Spring Clean Your Yard



What we see as the weeds or the pile of stuff we need to sift through or take to the

dump, cats see as prime spaces for shelter and hideouts. Keeping your yard free of overgrowth and debris, keeping below decks and any holes under the house covered, and making sure to secure all sheds will help reduce the attractiveness for cats. Also, if there is a favorite chair or spot in your yard that a cat revisits, make sure to clean that area or item thoroughly. Often times removing that chair alone will make your yard no longer inviting, as cats often repeatedly visit the same spots or areas.

Barriers, Noise and Motion



Other options include wire fencing and/or overhangs, motion activated sprinkler

systems or ultrasound devices, and wind chimes.

World Peace Offering

An even more simple solution might be to provide the community cats a litter box so they do not need to use your yard for their business to begin with. Also, by doing so, you would be helping wildlife and our planet earth.

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