

**HUMANE CAT
DETERRENTS:**

- Apply cat repellent fragrances- orange or lemon peels, citrus spray, coffee, vinegar, tobacco, lavender, lemongrass, citronella, or eucalyptus.
- Use an ultrasonic cat repellent like CatStop™ or motion-activated water sprinkler like ScareCrow™ (www.contech-inc.com).
- Place plastic carpet runners spike up, chicken wire, latticework, pinecones, river rocks, or Cat Scat™ in soil in flower beds.
- Use a car cover to keep cats off your car.

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU
FIND KITTENS:**

- Stop and observe. The best place for kittens younger than eight weeks old is with their mother, if at all possible. Monitor the kittens for several hours to see if the mother cat is away hunting.
- Feral kittens can be trapped, spayed/neutered, and returned to their home territory.
- Friendly kittens can be adopted into loving homes after they are fixed.
- Find more tips and information at petcommunitycenter.org/feral-cats/kittens/

OUR MISSION:

Pet Community Center is dedicated to strengthening the human-animal bond and to ending pet overpopulation.

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living with
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WHAT IS TNR (TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN)?

- Community cats are trapped with humane traps.
- Cats are taken to a spay/neuter clinic to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated.
- Cats will receive a left ear tip, the universal symbol of a fixed cat.
- Cats are returned to their original territory.

TNR IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION:

- The population will be controlled with no new litters.
- Population will decrease naturally over time.
- Cats are vaccinated.
- Annoying behaviors like howling, fighting and marking will stop or decrease dramatically.
- It's humane

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CAT?



A community cat is a free roaming cat which may be friendly or feral (unsocialized), but is living outdoors and thriving.



SO YOU'RE SEEING COMMUNITY CATS IN YOUR YARD

Community cats, like all animals, stay where there is food and shelter (naturally occurring or provided by humans). These tips will help you keep cats from undesirable areas. If you enjoy having cats in your yard, use these tips to help them become good neighbors.

REMOVAL & FEEDING BANS DO NOT WORK

Removal attempts may temporarily reduce the number of cats in a given area, but two things happen: unsterilized survivors continue to breed prolifically and other cats move into the now available territory. Year after year, cats are removed and killed, but the population is never controlled. Fixing cats stops population growth and prevents new cats from moving in. Discontinuing feeding will not make the cats go away. Cats bond to their territory and are opportunistic scavengers that can, if necessary, survive on garbage. Under a feeding ban, the cats suffer as they search for new sources of food.

HELPING CATS BECOME GOOD NEIGHBORS

Contact Pet Community Center to get

the cats fixed. Spaying or neutering stops population growth, and stops mating behaviors like fighting, spraying, roaming, and yowling. It also reduces the odor in male cat urine.

Secure trash lids. Open cans attract wildlife that will get into your trash as well.

Block areas under porches and sheds with chicken wire or lattice.

Repair holes in crawlspaces. Places that attract cats for shelter will look attractive to wildlife too.

Feed the cats on a regular

schedule if a neighbor isn't already doing so. Make sure only enough food is set out for the cats to eat in less than 30 minutes so wildlife isn't attracted by leftovers. Feed during daylight hours, and keep feeding area tidy.

Establish a litter box by tilting

the soil or putting sand in a discreet location in your yard. Regularly remove deposits. Spray areas that urine odors with white vinegar or an enzymatic spray like Nature's Miracle® or Simple Solution® from pet stores.

Provide a shelter, like a small

doghouse, if a neighbor isn't already doing so.

Gradually move shelters and feeding stations away from areas where you don't want the cats and into a secluded, discreet area of your yard.