



Feral Cats:

Please do not feed or set out food for homeless and free roaming feral cats. Although the idea of feeding feral cats may come from a good place, the unintended consequences outweigh the acts of kindness. Feral cats have been known to carry numerous diseases such as rabies, roundworm, ringworm, fleas, ticks, etc. Because feral cats deposit a large amount of urine and feces into the environment, they can be a nuisance and the contaminated soil around feral cat colonies can be a source of disease. Furthermore, outdoor cats have a negative impact on the populations of birds and other wildlife. While some believe Trap, Neuter & Release ("TNR") programs are a humane way of addressing the problem, there are issues implementing such a program and they have not been found to be effective in reducing the feral cat population. Removing them for adoption is also a problem as the local animal shelters seem to be overloaded. Simply stated, feeding feral cats is potentially detrimental to the health of the ecosystem and wildlife. Additionally, an inordinate number of cats in one place could result in damage to personal property. The easiest and most effective way to reduce the number of feral cats is to stop giving them a "home". For these reasons, residents are discouraged from feeding feral cats.