



ENGLEWOOD DEPT OF HEALTH C A R E S

*Have you seen stray cats
in your community?
Are you feeding cats?*

PARTNER WITH ENGLEWOOD DEPT OF HEALTH TO STOP THESE CATS FROM BREEDING

THE PROBLEM: Over 100 million stray cats roam the streets of the United States. The community of Englewood is home to a significant number of them. Too feral (wild) to be placed in homes, these cats make their new home on the streets. They breed rapidly – a pair of cats can produce 2 or more litters per year, which can ultimately result in 400,000 cats in 7 years!

THE SOLUTION:

DON'T EXTERMINATE THE CATS

Because cats congregate around food sources, a new colony of cats will move in and start to multiply as soon as you remove the old colony. Stabilizing the population by spaying and neutering the colony keeps new cats and rodents away.

DON'T POISON THE CATS

Poisoning is ineffective and illegal, punishable by a fine and/or jail if convicted.

DON'T JUST FEED THE CATS

Because you feed and care for your colony, they are healthy enough to breed if left unaltered and will give you more mouths to feed. A neutered colony prevents competition for food and shelter, thus increasing your colony's survival rate.

DO PRACTICE Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)

TNR is the universally recognized humane method of controlling the growth of feral cat colonies. It entails trapping all the cats in a colony, neutering them, adopting out the kittens and friendly cats, then returning the wild adults to their territory and providing them with food and shelter. TNR is humane for these reasons:

1. Spaying and neutering ensures longer, healthier lives by eliminating the risk for pyometras (uterine infections) in females and decreasing the spread of diseases like FIV (feline HIV) and leukemia.
2. Spaying and neutering eliminates annoying behavioral problems, making the colony more tolerable among your neighbors. In fact, your neighbors won't even see or smell them anymore!
 - Altered cats roam less because they won't be in search of a mate.
 - Neutered male cats won't spray foul smelling urine.
 - Spayed female cats won't howl because they will no longer go into 'heat'.
3. Cats will stay close to their food source and shelter, thus mitigating the risks of living outdoors, such as poisoning, being hit by a car, etc.

Are you ready to be part of the solution? If you are a caretaker of a colony, the Englewood Dept. Of Health wants to help you spay and neuter your feral felines. For more information, call (201) 568-3450. We host Neighborhood Cats TNR seminars, rent humane cat traps and provide free spay/neuter services through the Bergen County Department of Health Services.