

An example of an ecosystem restored to balance according to the nonprofit American Rivers: reintroduced wolves have culled the elk herd overgrazing the banks of the Yellowstone River. Trout and beaver populations have rebounded.

Native predator populations fluctuate to match the population of their food source.

There is **no** balance when non-native, invasive predators are introduced into the environment.

The domestic cat (*Felis catus*) is a descendent of the African and European wild cats. They were domesticated thousands of years ago and have since become dependent upon humans for survival.

Native wildlife has not developed the mechanisms needed to survive alongside this non-native predator.

Releasing companion animals into the environment is inhumane and their presence can disrupt the ecological balance of nature.

Allowing cats to wander and breed uncontrollably is just *one more way humans* have degraded habitat.