

## THE SOLUTION

- Cat removal has been proven to work when the artificial food source is also removed.
- Feral adults can be socialized and make wonderful pets.
- Enclosures can be set up on private properties in which cats and wildlife are truly protected.
- Life and death in a cat colony is not a humane or responsible option. Euthanasia may be the most compassionate outcome for some of these cats. A painless injection is a far kinder and less self-indulgent choice than having cats be crushed by cars, attacked by dogs, ravaged by disease, or abused by cat haters.

The **American Veterinary Medical Association** has stated:

An insignificant percentage of the total number of unowned free-roaming and feral cats are being managed by humane organizations. Consequently, the reduction in the total number of free-roaming cats these programs will effect is insignificant.

Out of the 70 million feral cats that currently roam the U.S., not even 1% has gone through TNR. Therefore, the options of socialization/adoption and sanctuary are no less workable solutions.

Education is our best chance of making a difference in the lives of these cats. Cat licensure, anti-roaming laws, and low-cost spay and neuter are all valuable tools. But, until we place value on the lives of all living creatures and educate the public to be more responsible caretakers, we will continue to be witness to the suffering of companion animals who do not have homes.

“If a fraction of the millions of dollars being expended to neuter, reabandon, and feed cats was directed toward enhancing education and supporting more effective animal control ordinances and their enforcement, we would be much farther down the road toward effectively reducing the problem of free-roaming cats than we are today”.

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