

Sharing Your Space with Free Roaming Cats

Feral cats (often called community cats or free roaming cats) are members of the domestic cat species. They are identical to pet cats you have in your home, but are not social with humans. Which unfortunately, makes them not adoptable.

Outdoor cats often find homes and food near humans. We understand not everyone appreciates feral cats in or around their property. These safe and simple tips will help you to coexist with community cats.

Top 5 Steps To Deter Unwanted Cat Behavior

- 1. Check with your neighbors. Is this cat an area pet? Or is this cat a stray?**
- 2. Use humane deterrents in and around your yard.**
- 3. Keep your trash can lid on at all times.**
- 4. Fill any gaps in your homes foundation, shed foundation and any out buildings.**
- 5. Use a car cover.**

Our Mission

To promote the humane treatment of companion animals through protection, placement, education, and example.

Our Vision

We envision a community that values the human-animal bond and where all animals are healthy and safe.



Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the most humane and effective way to keep your feral cat populations stabilized. TNR works!

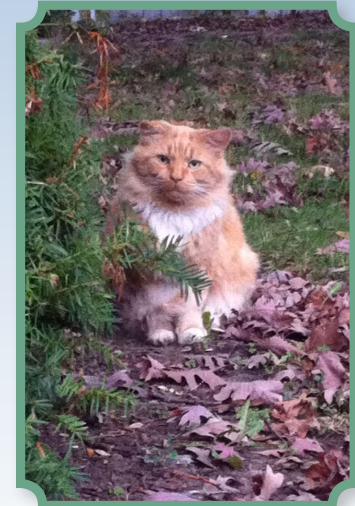
If you are interested in TNR, please contact the CAHS clinic at **517-908-0756** or **clinic@adoptlansing.org**

The cat's health improves, the feral cat population will decline and stabilize over time as well. Bad behaviors that were once exhibited by the cats are stopped when you spay/neuter.

Be a part of positive change in your community – TNR!



Living with Community Cats



Capital Area Humane Society

Shelter:
7095 W. Grand River Ave
Lansing, MI 48906
517-626-6060

Clinic:
5919 S. Cedar Street
Lansing, MI 48911
517-908-0756

www.adoptlansing.org

Easy Solutions For Unwanted Cat Behaviors

Are cats getting into your trash?

- 🐱 **Make sure you have a tight lid on your trash can.**
Bags of trash that animals can smell attract cats and wildlife.
- 🐱 **Are your neighbors feeding the cats?**
Check to see. If they are, make sure they are feeding on a regular, predictable schedule.
- 🐱 **Feed the cats yourself.**
If there is no regular feeder and you feed them a reasonable quantity, they are less likely to get into the trash to scavenge for food.

Are cats destroying your garden by digging?

- 🐱 **Spray citrus scented fragrances in your garden or scatter area with fresh orange or lemon peels.**
Coffee grounds, vinegar, pipe tobacco, citronella, eucalyptus, lemongrass and lavender also do the trick!
- 🐱 **Plant the herb rue in your garden or sprinkle dried rue in your gardening area.**
- 🐱 **Lightly cover plastic carpet runners, spike side up, in your garden.**
- 🐱 **Set chicken wire firmly into the dirt with the sharp edges curled under.**
- 🐱 **Purchase Cat Scat.**
A cat repellent that is a plastic mat you cut into smaller pieces and press into the soil. Each mat has flexible spikes which stick out and discourage digging.

- 🐱 **Cover exposed ground with large river rocks.**
Not only will it discourage cats from digging but it will also impede weed growth!
Win – win!
- 🐱 **Give kitties their own outdoor litterbox.**
Till the soil/sand in an area away from your garden and keep it free & clean of feces.

Don't like the kitty paw prints on your car?

- 🐱 **Is food or shelter near your cars?**
Gradually move the shelter and food to a different area.
- 🐱 **Purchase a car cover.**
- 🐱 **Use deterrents that are listed in other sections.**

Are cats sleeping under your porch?

- 🐱 **Block any gaps where the cats are entering** with chicken wire, lattice or other methods once you are sure the cats are no longer inside the area.
- 🐱 **Provide alternate shelter for the cats.**
There are many do it yourself ideas online – google “DIY feral cat shelter”. Shelters should be hidden to keep the cats safe. Place them away from areas that you do not want the cats in.
- 🐱 **Place ammonia soaked rags under your porch.**

Are cats in your yard?

- 🐱 **Purchase cat repellent online or at your local pet store.**
Spray this liberally around the edges of your yard, fences, garden area and any of the areas you do not want cats.
- 🐱 **Try a motion activated water sprinkler.** (CatStop or ScareCrow)
- 🐱 **Purchase an ultrasonic animal repellent.** (PestBye or PestAway)

Are the cats loud, fighting and spraying?

- 🐱 **Spaying or neutering all of the cats will stop these mating behaviors.**
Males no longer want to fight, spray or roam and female cats stop vocalizing. Usually after 3 weeks of being spayed or neutered, these behaviors cease.
- 🐱 **Combat the urine smell by spraying the area with white vinegar.**
Or use a product like Nation's miracle or Simple Solution that uses natural enzymes to neutralize the smell.