

What FCCO does

The Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO) provides spay/neuter clinics for caregivers who are feeding feral and stray cats. Surgeries are performed by licensed veterinarians. *Services are donation-based and include:*

- Spay or neuter surgery
- Rabies and FVRCP vaccines
- Pain relief medication
- Flea treatment
- Ear-tip on right ear

Through our clinics, we prevent future generations of kittens and improve the quality of life for each cat. Our service also reduces the number of cats living outdoors, saving the lives of birds and other small wildlife on which cats sometimes prey.

Founded in 1995, FCCO is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization supported solely through donations.

If you're feeding feral or outdoor stray cats, call FCCO today.





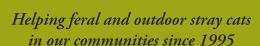
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Mission: To improve the welfare and reduce the population of feral and stray cats through spay/neuter programs and education.



Feeding a feral or stray cat?

Know someone who is?



Our 75,000th Cat Spayed/Neutered





"Many have forgotten this truth, but you must not forget it.
You remain responsible, forever, for what you have tamed."

—Antoine de Saint-Exupery





What is a feral cat?

Feral cats are untamed domestic cats. They live outdoors on their own and are former pets or the offspring of former pets.

Feral cats belong to no one but were created by everyone, *making them community cats*. Since their ability to survive on their own is impaired by domestication, the cats suffer unnecessarily without help from people.

There are an estimated 50 million feral cats in our country. They live in our communities and caring for them isn't one person's responsibility; it is all our responsibility. However, feeding alone isn't enough—the cats need to be spayed or neutered. The Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon can help.

Why are there so many cats?

- People let their cats roam free without being spayed/neutered.
- Kittens can have kittens. Cats are able to reproduce at as young as 5 months of age.
- The average length of pregnancy is just 60 days.
- Females can have 2 or more litters per year with males fathering far more kittens.
- People don't get their cats spayed or neutered before the cats reproduce, and then give the kittens away without having them spayed/neutered first.



Cat overpopulation

Cat overpopulation is a serious problem. More kittens are born than there are available homes, leading to thousands of cats being euthanized in our state alone.

Reducing feral cat population

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) works.

TNR humanely reduces feral cat populations. Caregivers who are feeding feral cats trap them in humane live traps, take the cats to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated, and after they have recovered, return the cats to where they are fed. Adoptable cats or kittens are removed and placed into new homes whenever possible. TNR directly reduces the number of cats breeding, and this approach allows for outreach about the importance of spaying and neutering so more cats may receive care.

Not feeding the cats does not work.

Unless there is another food source nearby, the cats won't leave the area. Instead they tend to come closer as they grow desperate to find something to eat. A cat can go without food for some time and continue to breed. Trying to starve out cats results in hungry, unhealthy animals that are vulnerable to disease and parasitic infestations.

Trap and remove does not work.

When cats are trapped and removed from an area, new cats move in to take advantage of the available resources, and quickly form a new colony.



Be part of the solution

- Spay/neuter your cat. Help friends and family do the same.
- Spread the word about FCCO and encourage anyone feeding feral cats to contact us.
- Don't allow your pet cats to roam free—keep your cat indoors or safely confined to your property.
- Do not abandon a cat or her kittens.
- Volunteer your time to help feral cats.
- Donate to FCCO to support our much-needed services.

Please don't look the other way and hope the cats go away.
They live in our communities and they need your help.
FCCO is here to help you.





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