

Who are the Feral Cats?

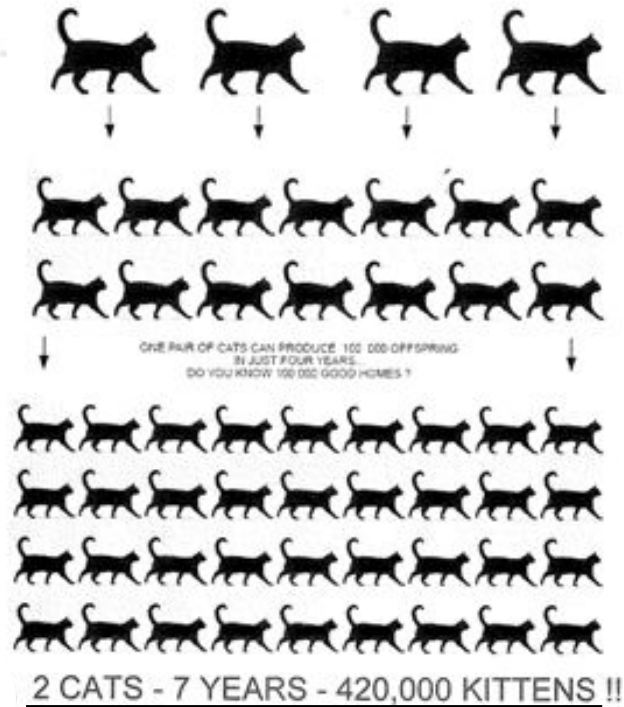
Once domestic cats, now living like wild animals – the product of human carelessness. The cute Christmas gift kitten grows up. Mr or Ms PET Hurt couldn't be bothered to take her to the vet and care for her properly. Then she has a litter of kittens. By this time, her owner has abandoned her...



WHO WILL GIVE ALL OF YOUR CAT'S OFFSPRING GOOD HOMES??
 THE REALITY IS THERE IS NOT NEARLY ENOUGH GOOD HOMES OUT THERE SO PLEASE STERILISE YOUR CATS.
 THE FATE OF EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE OFFSPRING LIES IN YOUR HANDS
 YOU CAN PREVENT SUFFERING BY MAKING CATS INTO TREASURES TO BE CHERISHED RATHER THAN PETS TO BE ABUSED.



AND DON'T THINK THAT BECAUSE THEY ARE PURE BRED THEY WILL ALWAYS GET GOOD HOMES THE REALITY IS THAT UP TO TEN OF CATS THAT END UP AT SHELTERS ARE PURE BRED.
 PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE AND HIND AND STERILISE YOUR PETS IF YOU CANT AFFORD IT CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANISATION FOR ASSISTANCE



Letter from a Vet:

I sterilise about 50 homeless animals a week for charities. If I continue to do so until I have worked for 40 years, I will have sterilised 100 000 charity animals in my career.

So if one idiot dumps one unsterilized animal about 4 years before I retire, s/he will replace all the animals I have sterilised with unsterilized ones, the day I retire.

Feral cats... their lives are short and harsh. They prowl the town, struggling to find food and water. They face constant threats... disease, human cruelty, starvation and predation.

They are the abandoned, the lost, the wild – and they need our help.



What is the Grahamstown Feral Cat Project?

Run by caring volunteers, the GFCP offers a sustainable solution:



Volunteers humanely trap feral cats, take them to the vet to be spayed or neutered; the tip of the right ear is snipped off to identify those that have been sterilized. They then return the cats to their colonies to live out their lives.

*Just because we have
no voice doesn't mean
we feel no pain.*

The volunteers also act as caretakers –

providing food and adequate shelter, monitoring the cats' health, and ensuring that all individuals in the colony are in fact sterilised.

The project is independent of any other organisation and relies on donations from the public.



The State Veterinarian sponsors vaccinations against rabies.

Trap Neuter Release (TNR)

Trapping, sterilizing and releasing is globally recognised as the least costly, most efficient, humane and sustainable way of stabilizing feral cat populations.

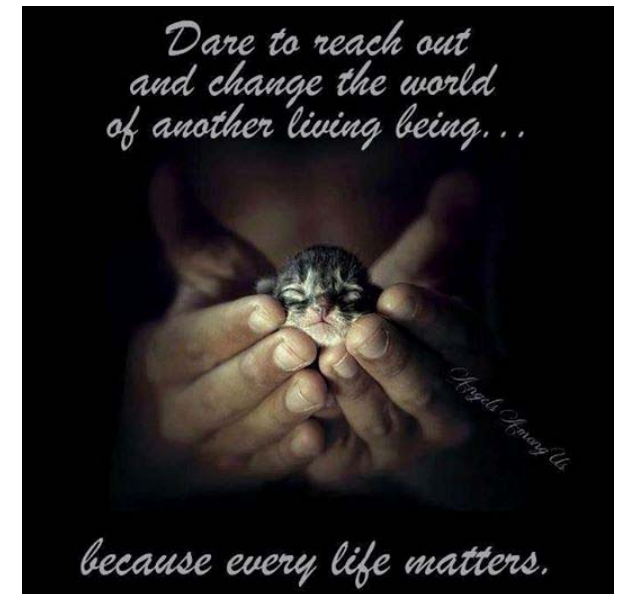


Feral Cats also play a *Useful Role*:

They **control rodents**, which are attracted by restaurants and rubbish bins. This is more efficient and does not have the negative impact of poisons on the environment.

Kittens in Need of Forever Homes

Caring volunteers act as temporary 'foster mothers' to feral kittens. They gentle them and help them regain trust in humans. There are some beautiful youngsters in need of 'forever homes'.



How Can You Help?

Do something, no matter how small...

... be part of the change that you would like to see:



Make regular donations (money or food) to the project.



Volunteer a little of your time to help raise funds.



Become a cat colony caretaker.



Raise awareness about animal welfare.



Practice responsible pet ownership.



Foster or adopt.



More Info

The Grahamstown Feral Cat Project promotes Responsible Pet Ownership:



Proper care (feeding, vaccination and preventative treatment against parasites, etc) and sterilisation to prevent unplanned kittens – and reduce the number of homeless animals.

Costs for the Grahamstown Feral Cat Project:



Spaying costs R432 or R500 (if pregnant/on heat) and neutering costs R276 (neuter).
Food and veterinary care costs depend on requirements at the time.

Contacts:



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Banking Details

All donations go to sterilization, a small portion to food, and occasional costs for veterinary care of ferals that are ill or injured.



If you would like to donate any amount, please deposit into the GFCP vet account at:

Grahamstown Veterinary Clinic

Standard Bank Account Number: 282 625 054

Branch Code: 050917

Please include your reference: W/CAT + Your Name

Email proof of payment to l.grant@nelm.org.za – to ensure donations are correctly allocated.

Please note: we do not wish to divert any funds that currently support the work of the SPCA.