



F.A.Q.

About Feral Cats

1 WHAT IS A FERAL CAT?

Feral cats are typically cats that were born outside and were never socialized to people. They can also be cats that live indoors but were never fully socialized to people.

Basically they are cats that are "wild", meaning they do not want to be inside a home. They usually don't seek out human affection and they are usually only close with the other cats in their colony and are very territorial, which makes relocating or removing them difficult, if not impossible.

This is where TNR (Trap- Neuter-Return) comes in.



2 WHY T.N.R. (TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN)?

TNR is the best thing to do to help feral cats and cat overpopulation.

By getting the cats spayed or neutered you prevent them from having kittens every year, fighting each other or spreading disease, keeping the neighborhood up all night yowling and howling in heat, spraying smelly urine to mark their territory and costing tax payer money for animal control.

And best of all, it is FREE through Metro Denver CAT!



3 CAN'T WE FIND FERAL CATS A HOME?

Feral cats are unsocializable once they are older than 8 weeks. There are a few cases where a feral cat may become more social over time, but usually that is only with their caretaker.

Adult feral cats are also very territorial, and because of this they prefer their home outside. When brought into a home, they will often become stressed and try to get back outside.

We try our hardest to assess each cat for adoptability, but oftentimes it can be hard to tell if the cat is stressed from being in a new environment.



4 WHAT ABOUT BARN HOMES FOR FERAL CATS?

Feral cats are very territorial, and because of this they don't do well being relocated into barn homes. Often when people try to barn home feral cats, they don't stay there and instead try to go back to their original "home."

At Metro Denver CAT, we only recommend barn home placement and relocation if it is the last and only good option for a feral cat.

The reasons we consider relocating or placing feral cats into barn homes are as follows: the caretaker is not able to take care of the colony anymore and there is no one else who is willing to take over caring for that colony, the area where the cats live is being demolished or the cat's safety and health is a concern due to other circumstances.



Have more questions?
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