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# STRAY CATS



Abandoned or lost cats are \*stray cats. Some cats are friendly and like human touch and affection. They will approach you for attention. Others may seem \*feral at first but once you befriend them you'll find they like companionship. But once you find a stray cat you can attempt to find their owner and if no one claims that it's theirs you can keep it for yourself or bring it to a vet or shelter like ASPCA or others. Someone may really want that cat. Stray cats are often ill or hungry and hard to distinguish which.





### How does a stray cat act in our neighborhoods?

Lost or scared cats can be disoriented or frightened so that they seem wild. They hide during day and at night. They can show signs of aggression or run away during the night.

### What do stray cats eat?

Stray cats eat rabbits, mice, cockroaches, praying mantises and bits of food in the trash— anything that they find edible.

### How can we help stray cats?

What do we do? If you want to help a stray or feral cat, the best thing to do is to gain its trust. The first thing to do is feed the cat. You feed the cat by putting a bowl of food outside everyday in the same place at the same time. The food has to have a very strong smell or the cat won't come to it because it can't smell it. After a while of doing that, you should introduce it to a crate. Put the food bowl closer and closer every time you feed it. Once you finally get it close enough to the crate put the food bowl in the crate. Finally, when the cat goes in the crate, trap it in there. While it is in the crate bring it to a vet for an examination and check for a chip so you can find its owner. If you don't want it you can just bring it to an adoption center. Animal



control is trapping and killing feral cats, historically.

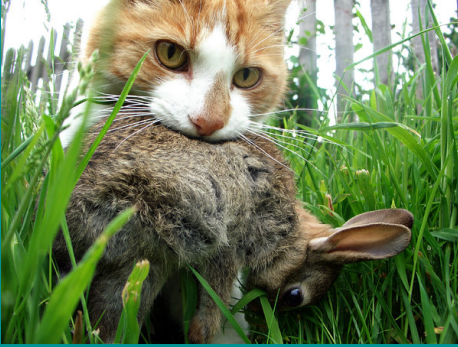
I learned about stray cats during my research. However, the most important thing I learned is how to earn a cat 's trust. The lesson I learned was that when I see a stray cat I know it needs help to find its family.



This is a picture of a stray cat in Strassbourg



Stray cats don't get regular pet food like a house cat does. They have to scavenge for their meals. Mice, rabbits and other small animals make a yummy snack. In more populated places, they find what food they can in the garbage cans. But if they're lucky, someone will give them a nice bowl of cat food or something else yummy. But be careful if you want to feed a stray. They will keep going to your house and if they keep going back to your house you might decide to take it in.



RODENTS	BUGS	GARBAGE
mice	cockroaches	food scraps
muskrat	fly's	crumbs
rabbit	praying mantises	fish bones and scales

Stray cats don't have anywhere to sleep. Some of them sleep on logs or under bridges or even in garbage cans.





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