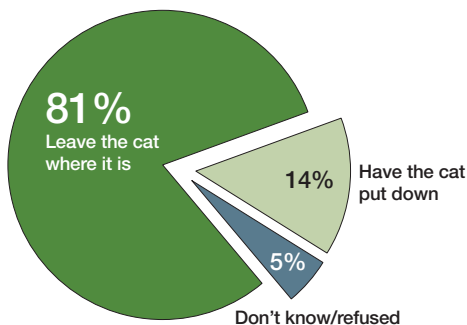


Discover What Americans Really Think is Humane for Cats

Americans believe killing cats is inhumane.

More than 80% of Americans believe that leaving a stray cat outside to live out her life is more humane than having the cat caught and killed, according to a national survey conducted for Alley Cat Allies by Harris Interactive. Americans want compassionate approaches for cats.

If you saw a stray cat in your community and could only choose between two courses of action—leaving the cat where it is outside or having the cat caught and then put down—which would you consider to be the more humane option for the cat?



Still, millions of cats are rounded up and killed in communities across the country.

Catch and kill is a futile effort that has failed for decades—with hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars wasted and, worse, millions of healthy cats killed. This mass killing of cats is in direct opposition to the humane values of most Americans. It's time to stop the killing and adopt humane approaches that reflect the moral and ethical standards we share as Americans.



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Virtually 100% of community cats who enter animal shelters are killed.

Community cats—also referred to as feral cats—are not socialized to people. They cannot be adopted, so they are killed. The best way to help—and protect—community cats is through a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program.



Trap-Neuter-Return is the humane approach for community cats.

Trap-Neuter-Return benefits the cats and the community. Cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and eartipped (the universal symbol of a neutered and vaccinated cat), and then returned to their outdoor home. The colony's population stabilizes—no more kittens! Trap-Neuter-Return improves their lives and their relations with the community—the behaviors and stresses associated with mating stop. Trap-Neuter-Return is the humane, effective approach for community cats.

You can make a difference and save lives.

Help spread the word that it's time for a change in shelter policy. Tell your friends and family, and most importantly, tell your city council and other government officials, and help them discover what Americans really think is humane cat care.



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