



The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.

Helpful Websites

Topic: Feral Cats, Predation and Wildlife Issues

1. <<http://www.alleycat.org/resources.html>> Alley Cat Allies presents science to exonerate feral cats and resources to respond. Read “Understanding Cats & Predation”, “Feral Cats on the Firing Line”, “An Assault on Stray and Feral Cats”.
 2. <<http://www.napa.ufl.edu/2003news/feralcat.htm>> San Francisco SPCA article using science to debunk the feral cat predation arguments.
 3. <<http://www.stanford.edu/group/CATNET/about.html>> Since the implementation of the comprehensive program, the number of homeless cats on campus has declined from an estimated 1500 at the program inception in 1989 to approximately 200 cats currently living on campus.
 4. <<http://www.messybeast.com/usferal.htm>> is one of several articles at this site. Go to the archive at <<http://www.messybeast.com/catarchive.htm#feral>>, and select “Feral Cats, Cats and the Environment” for a selection of several helpful articles about cat issues in the U.S., Britain and Australia.
 5. <<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/animalservices/feralpubsafety.html>> City of Berkeley Animal Services pamphlet favorable to TNR.
 6. <<http://www.allanimals.org/article2.html>> “What I find inconsistent in an otherwise scientific debate about biodiversity is how indictment of cats has been pursued almost in spite of the evidence.” Article with footnoted references.
 7. <<http://www.tufts.edu/vet/cfa/feralbib.html>> Bibliography of published articles and references, many of which deal with cat predation.
 8. <http://caribjsci.org/june01/37_107-108.pdf> We usually are aware that islands present unique ecologies, and that cats can and do prey more heavily on bird populations there. Here is an island study that shows that of 33 cat stomachs, 40% contained bugs; 33% contained reptiles, and only 3 had any evidence of birds.
 9. <http://www.animalpeoplenews.org/03/6/wherocatsBelong6.03.html> Animal People magazine article describing feral cats as prey as well as predators, including up to date data and views on cats in wildlife sensitive locations.
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Anti-cat or anti Trap/Neuter/Return, but interesting articles from the opposition

1. <<http://www.abcbirds.org/cats/>> American Bird Conservatory “Cats Indoors” campaign advocates cat laws and other means to remove or euthanize cats to prevent their killing birds and wildlife.
2. <<http://www.conservation.state.mo.us/conmag/1999/06/3.html>> Yet another government site that draws on the flawed Wisconsin study.

3. < http://www.geocities.com/the_src0/Study.html> The Wichita study. “If each pet cat in the U.S. kills 4.2 birds per year, and assuming, conservatively, that half these cats **never** leave the house, at least 134 million birds die each year due to domestic pet house cats. This figure does not include stray or feral cats, which would greatly increase this figure.”
4. < <http://fwie.fw.vt.edu/rhgiles/guidance/cats.htm>> Some of the more inflammatory anti-cat rhetoric, and some very questionable material presented as “fact.”
5. < <http://wildlifedamagegroup.unl.edu/documents/position/catpos.pdf>> An anti-cat position paper by The Wildlife Society, with a 10-point plan that is interesting in that we can probably enthusiastically support 7 of the 10 points.