NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY

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WHAT IS NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY?

Established by Alley Cat Allies in 2001, National Feral Cat Day is observed annually on October 16 to raise awareness about feral and community cats and promote humane approaches to their care.

WHY DOES THIS DAY MATTER?

Feral cats are generally not socialized to people and may be more comfortable living outdoors. They deserve compassion, protection, and care that respects their individual needs.

National Feral Cat Day encourages communities to understand these cats, support humane solutions, and recognize the people dedicated to helping them.

THE UNSUNG HEROES: COMMUNITY CAT CAREGIVERS

Behind many community cats is someone providing food, fresh water, shelter, and veterinary assistance.

Through freezing winters, summer heat, and challenging conditions, these caregivers work tirelessly to improve the lives of outdoor cats.

To every community cat caregiver: Your compassion matters, and your efforts make a difference!

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

- EDUCATE: Help others understand feral and community cats.
- ADVOCATE: Support humane Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs.
- VOLUNTEER: Assist rescues and community cat caregivers.
- DONATE: Contribute food, supplies, or spay/neuter funding.
- SPREAD AWARENESS: Encourage kindness and responsible care.

DID YOU KNOW?

An ear-tipped cat has typically been spayed or neutered through a community cat program. Ear-tipping helps caregivers identify sterilized cats from a distance.



REFERENCES & RESOURCES

- Alley Cat Allies. National Feral Cat Day. alleycat.org
- ASPCA. A Closer Look at Community Cats. aspca.org

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