

Facts on feral cats

The feral cat population constitutes a serious problem in Montreal that will only get worse as long as people continue to abandon their cats in old apartments or by the side of the road.

It's wrong to believe that domesticated cats can survive in the streets once they've lost their animal instincts. To domesticate a cat creates a dependency on its owner for food and shelter.

Adopting a kitten isn't always the best solution. Often, when we decide to buy a kitten it's because we've fallen in love with a furry bundle of joy. We don't realize that this same little wonder is going to grow up and play in our plants and scratch our furniture and carpets. These are often the same kittens which, once adult, find themselves abandoned by the side of the road or during moving season. Then why not choose to give a second chance to a calm adult cat that needs a good home? Animal shelters are overflowing with good pets that are just right!

Feral cats are everybody's problem. Because these animals eat from the garbage, they come into contact with many forms of bacteria and disease that are transmittable to humans (zoonose). And they can therefore be a danger to your family and pets.

The solution: sterilization. If one considers that a single cat can produce 20,736 offspring in a four year period, then one can see how sterilization is the only way to combat the unnecessary suffering and euthanizing of these precious animals.