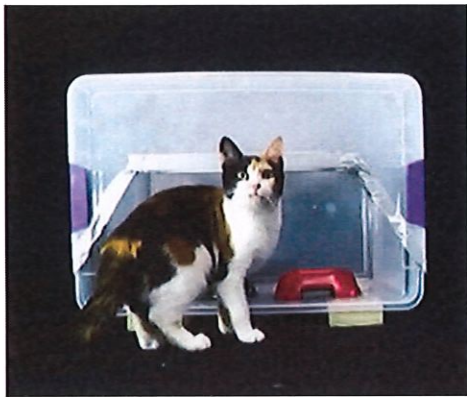


Community Cats

Feeding:

- Feed cats only during the day and at a set time recommended no more than 30 minutes during daytime hours. When the feeding time ends pick up any leftovers. The benefits to this feeding schedule is to ensure that only the cats are being fed and there is no unwanted animals utilizing the food source.
 - Elevating the feeding area so that cats can reach it but not other animals is recommended.
- Set up a specific area outdoors to feed the cats. Always feed them in the established location and nowhere else to establish a routine. The benefit is to keep the cats gathered in the same place.
- Feeding stations can provide an established place for the cats to eat and also provide protection for food and water in inclement weather. Some examples of Feeding stations are:



Shelter and Safe Spaces:

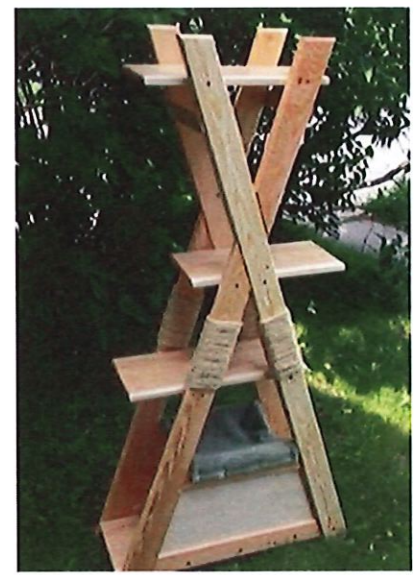
- To keep community cats safe during inclement weather shelters can be made or purchased to provide a safe haven. These shelters do not need to be big or complicated. The doorways should be only big enough for cats to enter. The shelter should be leveled and elevated to provide protection. You can insulate these shelters with straw to repel any moisture.
 - Main things to focus on are:
 - Maintenance – Ensure that these shelters are in good condition.
 - Doorway- Only big enough for cats to enter.
 - Protection from the elements- Waterproof, windproof, and elevated off the ground to prevent flooding.
 - Bedding- Something to keep the animal warm and dry.

Examples of Shelters:



- Set up “cat posts” long pieces of wood four inches by four inches is the recommendation or corner posts that stand out of the ground atleast ten to twelve feet. These can be climbed by cats but not potential predators. These should be anchored down safely to prevent tipping.

Examples of outdoor posts:



Keeping Community Cats on Your Property:

- Plant a garden with plants that cats like.

- Examples of plants include:

- Wheatgrass
 - Rosemary
 - Valerian
 - Catmint
 - Chamomile

- Some of these plants can help prevent bugs also.



- Make a Jungle Gym for cats
 - Setup areas for cats to climb and hide. This will keep them entertained and focused in one area.
- Create napping areas for cats
 - Set up flower pots with soil
 - Utilize an old bird feeder by keeping it empty so cats can climb and nap in it.

Community Cats' Health:

- When looking at your community cat colony keep an eye out for any signs the cats may be sick or injured. Things to look for include a in appearance such as fur not looking groomed, changes in behavior, eating habits, dull eyes, discharge from nose or eyes, weight loss, and fur loss.
- If a cat is showing signs of injury the cat can be taken to a private veterinarian or brought to our shelter. If brought to our shelter the animal will be examined and while we cannot guarantee a disposition we can guarantee the animal will get the attention it needs to alleviate suffering.