

Animal Services 101

City of McKinney Animal Services



McKinney Animal Services vs. Collin County Animal Shelter (CCAS)

CCAS

- 4750 Community Drive, McKinney, Texas
- Provides Shelter Services for the city of McKinney and other areas of Collin County

McKinney Animal Services

- 410 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas
- Responds to animal related calls for service for residents in McKinney

Animal Services Responsibilities



Barking Complaints

Animal Cruelty

Injured, sick, or orphaned wildlife

Deceased animal pick up

Waste Complaints

Welfare Checks

Stray Animals

Restraint Complaints

Running at Large

Livestock

Trap nuisance wildlife

Rabies Vaccinations are Mandatory in Texas

Cats, dogs, and ferrets require rabies vaccinations

Should be given yearly unless your vet offers a three-year vaccination

Low-cost clinics such as Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) or the Shot Spot offer vaccinations for as low as \$5.00



Should We Trap and Euthanize all Wildlife?

We recommend prevention and exclusion before trapping for wildlife.

If you take an animal out of its habitat, others will take over its territory.

McKinney is Unique by Nature, that's why many of us live here.



Be Safe, Restrain Your Pet

- All dogs and cats must be restrained by a physical fence or a leash – yes, cats too
- Retractable leashes are unsafe. They break easily and you do not have proper control over your pet.
- It is illegal to tether a dog in Texas.



Pitfalls of a Retractable Leash



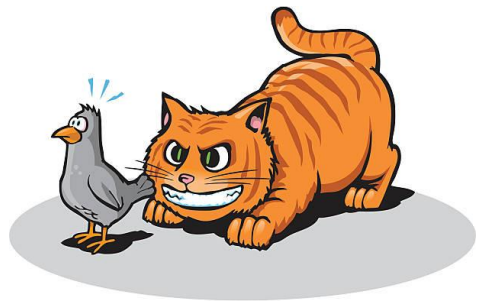
Recent Increase in Leash Violations

“At large” violations can put the community at risk in the following ways:

- Dog-on-dog attacks resulting in injuries or fatalities
- Dog bites as a result of owners trying to break up a dog fight
- Animals hit by cars
- Pets encounter wildlife



Keeping Your Cats Inside Keeps Them Safe!



How to I Prevent My Pet From Getting Out?

- Keep your fence in good repair & make sure gates are closed.
- If you have a “door darter”, make sure your pet is securely locked in a crate or closed room before opening the door.
- Do not leave pets unattended in the back yard during thunderstorms or firework displays.
- If you have a pet that has storm or firework anxiety, contact your vet or consider calming spray or a thunder shirt.
- When out in public always keep your pet on a secure leash.
- Keep cats in a secure crate when transporting them to and from places. Do not let them out of the crate in the car!



What Do I Do if My Pet Goes Missing?

Make sure your pet is always wearing its collar with name and rabies tags attached!

Consider microchipping your pet! If microchipped, make sure the chip is registered and your contact information is current. Report lost pets to the microchip company.

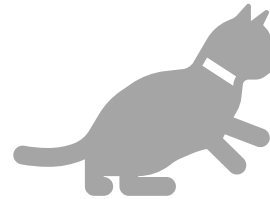
In the event your pet goes missing, go to your local animal shelter and file a lost pet report. Always go in person!

Post on social media!

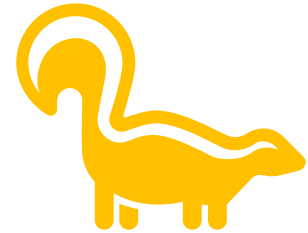
Feeding Feral Cats is a Bad Idea



Do not feed feral cats, they are natural hunters and will find their own food.



Leaving food out for stray cats will attract local wildlife that can carry diseases.



Don't make wildlife dependent on food we provide.

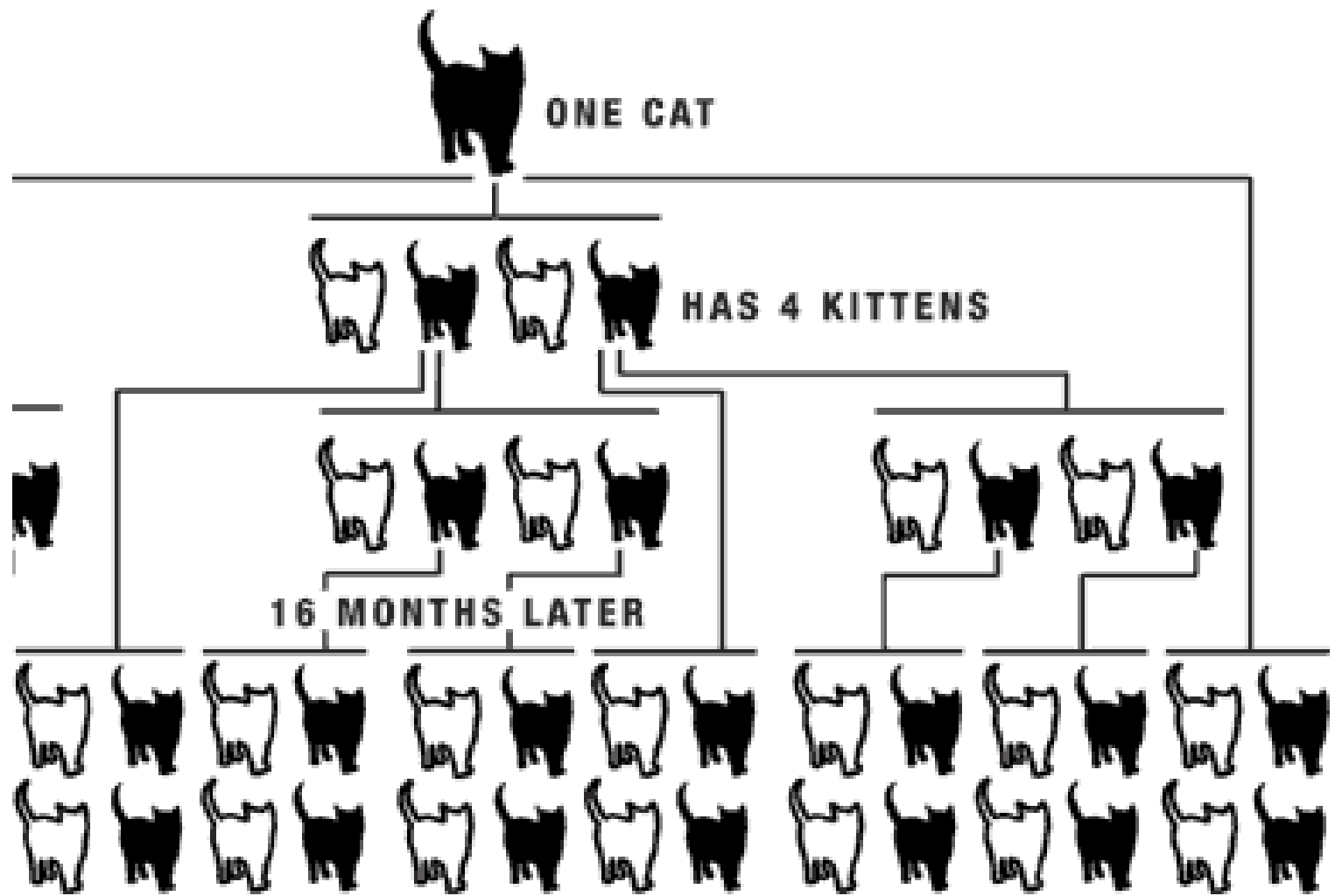
How to Deal With A Feral Cat Colony

What do I do if I have a feral colony near my house?

You can set a humane live trap to safely catch any feral or stray cats. They can be taken to CCAS or picked up by McKinney Animal Services.

What if I accidentally trap my neighbors' cat?

Animal Services can return the cat and educate the owner on city ordinances and the importance of keeping cats inside!



The
Mathematics
of a Cat
Colony

Barking

McKinney Code Sec. 26-12. - Public nuisances declared unlawful.

The keeping of any animal or bird in a manner that permits, allows, constitutes, or causes a public nuisance under this chapter shall be unlawful.

Definition of a public nuisance :

Cause a disturbance by excessive, continuous, or untimely barking, howling, crowing, or otherwise audible noise. Such noise, in excess of 15 minutes, even if in sporadic bursts, shall be prima facie evidence that the same constitutes a nuisance;

**3 am... The perfect
hour to have**

**a barking contest
with the neighbor's
dog**

Barking

What Happens When a Dog Bites a Person?

Depending on the severity of the bite, the following could happen:

- The dog is quarantined at the shelter or in the pet's home
- A dog could be deemed dangerous which comes with many restrictions and is expensive
- A Serious Bodily Injury hearing may occur, and the pet could be euthanized with the Judges order.



Questions

