

Selected Feral Cat References for Local Health Departments

Feral cat issues are complex and multi-faceted. CDPH does not have an official policy or position on management of feral cats and public health risks since these tend to be a local community issue. LHDs are welcome to contact VPHS for any questions or assistance. Attached is a set of links to various feral cat information resources. Please contact the CDPH Veterinary Public Health Section at (916) 552-9740 for any questions or concerns.

2008 APHA Panel Discussion: Feral Cats, Public Health, and the Environment – A Dialogue
<http://apha.confex.com/apha/136am/webprogram/Session24239.html>

Feral Cats and Public Safety – City of Berkeley
<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=9714>

Analysis of Feral / Stray Cat Solutions – City of Los Angeles Animal Services
http://www.edboks.com/uploads/Analysis_of_Feral_Cat_Solutions.pdf

County Policies Relating to Free-Roaming Cats – Los Angeles County Public Health and Animal Care and Control
<http://www.lapublichealth.org/docs/PolicyFree-RoamingCats.pdf>

Recommendations for Addressing Flea Infestations and Fecal Accumulation Related to Free-Roaming Cats - Los Angeles County Public Health and Animal Care and Control
<http://www.lapublichealth.org/docs/Free-RoamingCatRecommendations.pdf>

Free-Roaming Cats and Dogs Resources - U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Center for Companion Animal Health
<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/strays.htm>

Feral Cat Colonies – California Department of Fish and Game
http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/nuis_exo/dom_cat/feral.html

AVMA Policy: Free-roaming Abandoned and Feral Cats – American Veterinary Medical Association
http://www.avma.org/issues/policy/animal_welfare/feral_cats.asp

2003 Animal Welfare Forum: Management of Abandoned and Feral Cats – American Veterinary Medical Association
http://www.avma.org/products/animal_welfare/2003_management_of_abandoned_and_feral_cats.pdf

Zoonotic Diseases from Cats – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/animals/cats.htm>

Humane Society of the U.S. – Feral Cats
http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/feral_cats/

Alley Cat Allies
<http://www.alleycat.org/>