

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO HELP STOP THIS SENSELESS KILLING?



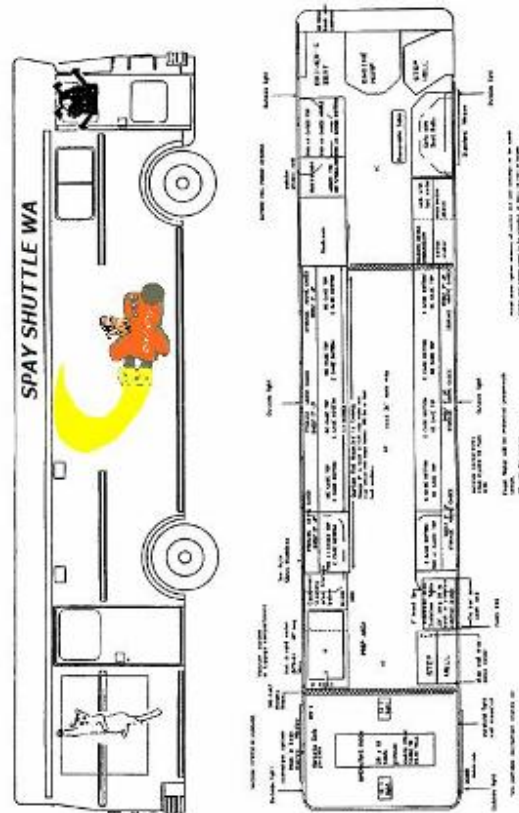
THE SPAY SHUTTLE FUND

Cat Alliance of Australia is, together with several animal welfare groups, appealing for money and equipment to build a mobile veterinary spay & neuter clinic by 2010. The Spay Shuttle program will operate with the support of the veterinary profession to provide low-cost high-volume desexing to communities around WA during kitten season. The clinic will also offer low cost desexing for dogs. We hope you will support our fundraising initiatives in the coming year (2009). We hope to raise:

1. \$250,000 to build a mobile clinic (converted bus / truck) with capacity for 3 surgery tables and treatment / surgical preparation facilities.
2. \$50,000 for first year of operations (2010). Towards developing & printing community education and information materials to facilitate Spay Shuttle clinics.
3. 2nd hand medical / surgery equipment including consumables like sutures & gauze.

In the US, low cost desexing clinics have dramatically decreased euthanasia rates from 17 million in 1980 to 4.5 million in 1995.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!



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Constructive dialogue and collaboration
towards better cat welfare

STOP KITTY 'GENOCIDE'

DESEX YOUR CATS!

*Feeding an Unowned Cat?
Please Ensure it is Desexed!*





KITTY 'GENOCIDE'

FACT #1: In 2007, well over 13,000 healthy cats had to be euthanized or destroyed in Western Australia.

FACT #2: In 2007, Cat Haven accepted 9000 cats; of which 7000 had to be euthanized. During summer, 80 cats are euthanized every day at Cat Haven.

FACT #3: RSPCA WA saw an increase of 68% in the number of cats that were surrendered to it in 2007.

FACT #4: Nationally, 58,480 cats were surrendered to RSPCA in 2007; 33,343 of these were euthanized.

In 2007, Cat Haven & RSPCA managed to find new homes for over 2,500 cats, but this was still not enough to save the 13,000 cats that had to be euthanized or destroyed by local council pounds, rangers and animal welfare groups. When no veterinarians are available, people resort to shooting, bludgeoning or drowning these cats.

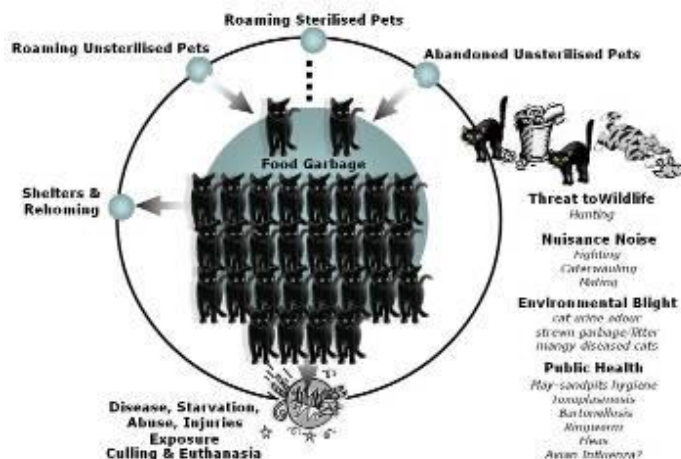
THE PROBLEM

80-90% of pet cats are already desexed, but surveys have shown that 1 in 5 households feeds a roaming cat that is not the family pet. A large proportion of these unowned cats are not desexed. These non-desexed unowned cats and non-desexed outdoor pet cats are the cause of the cat overpopulation problem.

HOW MANY CATS? DO THE MATH!

Female cats start reproducing once they are 4 to 7 months old. Mating season starts in July & August and kittens are born in October or November. Female cats can cycle again quickly within a month and produce another litter in March to April. A non-desexed stray female cat has, on average, 2.1 litters per year and 4.25 kittens per litter. Within 2 months of birth, 42% of stray kittens will die of exposure, disease or malnutrition. Many will end up at shelters or pounds to be euthanised. Those that survive go on to be prolific breeders. Life as a stray cat can be hard; the expected lifespan of a stray cat is approximately three years. Indoor pet cats can be expected to live for 15-20 years or even longer. Despite a short life, a stray female cat still is capable of producing on average, 5.25 litters i.e. 22.3 kittens. Over 12 years, a single breeding female, together with all her female offspring that survive to reproduce, will be responsible for over 3200 new cats!

Culling stray cats is ineffective and costly because cats are very prolific. Many of the problems associated with stray cats like noise pollution and urine spraying are also worsened by periodic culling. Culling destabilizes the any stray cat population and does nothing to prevent new cats from moving into the area that has been culled. Survivors become more difficult to trap and cull leading to eventual failure of such programs.



WHAT CAN I DO?

1) DESEX YOUR PET CATS.

Schemes offering subsidised desexing of cats are available to pensioners and low income families. Firstly, enquire with your local council about any such programs as several WA local councils like Bunbury Council offer pet desexing coupons to their residents. Cat Haven and Cat Sterilisation Society also provide financial assistance to pensioners and lower income families desex their cats (see box below).

2) GET HELP TO DESEX YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD'S STRAY CATS

If you know of breeding stray cats at your workplace or neighborhood and would like to do something about it, contact Cat Sterilization Society or Cat Alliance of Australia. These volunteer organizations may not be able to provide direct assistance immediately because of resource constraints; but they have knowledge, experience and support networks to assist you.

3) EDUCATE NEIGHBORS WITH ROAMING NON-DESEXED PET CATS

Educate your neighbors & friends about cat overpopulation and persuade & help them do the right thing to either keep their cat confined to their premises or get their cat desexed. No owned cat should contribute to the problem. This pamphlet can be downloaded and printed from the Cat Alliance of Australia website.

4) SUPPORT THE ANIMAL WELFARE GROUPS & HELP REHOME CATS.

Cat Haven

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Cat Sterilisation Society

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Cat Alliance of Australia

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Ring your local council they may have a subsidy for sterilization