

State of Residence

In which state do you currently reside?

What is your year of birth?

Intro message

We are inviting you to participate in a survey to help us with a research project that aims to count all of the cats in Washington, D.C. to understand how many cats are in the city and how these numbers vary by neighborhood. You have been invited because you live in Washington, D.C.

In this survey, we will not ask for your name or address, so your responses will not be associated in any way with your identity. Responses from this survey will be used by researchers to estimate the size of the owned cat population and to understand opinions about different types of outdoor cats.

Even if you don't own or take care of cats, we'd like to hear from you.

Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. You may choose not to take part at all. By starting the survey, you consent to participate in the study and allow us to use your response information for our research. However, you may stop participating at any point in the survey. If you decide not to participate in the entirety of this survey or if you stop participating at any time, you will not receive an incentive.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the researcher Ashley Gramza at research@dccatcount.org

To learn more about the DC Cat Count, please visit the project website: <http://www.dccatcount.org/>

Location within DC Area

Please use this [map](#) to help identify the box number (in bold red) that shows where you currently live. We do not collect address information entered in the search bar on the map.

When you close the tab, please enter the number below:

Ownership / Caring of Cat Past 5 Years

Have you owned or cared for a cat in the last 5 years (answer yes even if this cat is no longer with you)*?

*For the purposes of this survey, this means regularly feeding a cat at least once a week at minimum.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Cat Fostering History Past 5 Years

Have you fostered any kittens or cats in the last 5 years while living in Washington, D.C.?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How many cats or kittens did you foster in the last 5 years while living in Washington, D.C.?

Of these cats and kittens that you fostered in the last 5 years, how many were:

Adopted out

Lost and not returned

Died

Total

Cat Ownership Past 5 years

Other than kittens or cats you have fostered, have you owned or taken care of (feed at least once per week) any cats or kittens in Washington, D.C. within the last 5 years ***that are no longer with you?***

☐ Yes

☐ No

How many kittens or cats have you owned or taken care of (fed at least once per week) in Washington, D.C. within the last 5 years ***that are no longer with you?***

Please do not include kittens or cats you have fostered.

Owned Cat, but no longer with you Evaluation

What year did you begin owning or taking care of \${Im://Field/2} that is no longer with you?

Please estimate if you are unsure.

What age was \${Im://Field/2} when you acquired it?

- ☐ Kitten (0-4 months old)
- ☐ Adolescent (5-11 months old)
- ☐ Adult (1 year or older)

What year did you cease owning or taking care of \${Im://Field/2}?

- ☐ 2015
- ☐ 2016
- ☐ 2017
- ☐ 2018
- ☐ 2019
- ☐ 2020

Please indicate why you no longer own or take care of \${Im://Field/2}.

- ☐ Died
- ☐ Given away
- ☐ Lost or ran away and was never recovered
- ☐ Other (please specify):

What age was \${Im://Field/2} when it died, was lost and not found, or given away?

- ☐ Kitten (0-4 months old)

- ☐ Adolescent (5-11 months old)
- ☐ Adult (1 year or older)

Current Cat Ownership

Please tell us how many cats you currently own or take care of (feed at least once a week).

Now we are going to ask you some more detailed questions about the cat(s) that you currently own or take care of (that are not owned by someone else). If you currently own or take care of more than 5 cats, please answer these questions about the 5 cats whose names come first in the alphabet.

Current Cat Ownership Evaluation

What is the name of \${Im://Field/2}?

What year was \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} acquired?

Please estimate if you're unsure

How old was \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} when you acquired it?

- ☐ Kitten (0-4 months old)
- ☐ Adolescent (5-11 months old)
- ☐ Adult (1 year or older)

Where did you get \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue}?

- ☐ Took cat in/showed up as a stray
- ☐ Adopted cat from shelter or rescue group
- ☐ Purchased the cat
- ☐ Received cat from a friend
- ☐ Born from a cat I owned/cared for

What type of outdoor access does \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} have?

- ☐ None (cat does not go outdoors)
- ☐ Outdoors sometimes
- ☐ Outdoor at all times

Does \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} wear a collar or harness when they go outdoors?

- ☐ Yes, always
- ☐ Yes, sometimes
- ☐ No, never

You indicated that \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} is outdoors sometimes. What types of restrictions does \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} have when they are outdoors?

- ☐ \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} is on a leash, in an enclosure, in a fenced yard under supervision, or under similar restrictions when outdoors
- ☐ \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} can roam freely when outdoors

You indicated that \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} goes outdoors without restrictions. Do you let \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} go outside during specific times, or do you

have a cat door so $\{q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$ can go in and out as they please?

- ☐ $\{q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$ goes outside during specific times
- ☐ $\{q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$ uses a cat door and can go inside and outside freely

On average, indicate below what times of day $\{q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$ is usually OUTSIDE on Weekdays (Mon-Fri) during the winter (1 Dec - 28 Feb).

Please click and drag all that apply.

Items

My cat does not go outdoors in this season

- 12am-1am
- 1am-2am
- 2am-3am
- 3am-4am
- 4am-5am
- 5am-6am
- 6am-7am
- 7am-8am
- 8am-9am
- 9am-10am
- 10am-11am
- 11am-12pm
- 12pm-1pm
- 1pm-2pm
- 2pm-3pm
- 3pm-4pm
- 4pm-5pm
- 5pm-6pm

Times outside on Weekdays during the winter

- 6pm-7pm
- 7pm-8pm
- 8pm-9pm
- 9pm-10pm
- 10pm-11pm
- 11pm-12am

On average, indicate below what times of day $\{q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$ is usually OUTSIDE on Weekends (Sat & Sun) during the winter (1 Dec - 28 Feb).

Please click and drag all that apply.

Items

My cat does not go outdoors in this season

- 12am-1am
- 1am-2am
- 2am-3am
- 3am-4am
- 4am-5am
- 5am-6am
- 6am-7am
- 7am-8am
- 8am-9am
- 9am-10am
- 10am-11am
- 11am-12pm
- 12pm-1pm
- 1pm-2pm
- 2pm-3pm
- 3pm-4pm

Times outside on Weekends during the winter

- 4pm-5pm
- 5pm-6pm
- 6pm-7pm
- 7pm-8pm
- 8pm-9pm
- 9pm-10pm
- 10pm-11pm
- 11pm-12am

On average, indicate below what times of day \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} is usually OUTSIDE on Weekdays (Mon-Fri) during the summer (1 Jun - 31 Aug).

Please click and drag all that apply.

Items

My cat does not go outdoors in this season

- 12am-1am
- 1am-2am
- 2am-3am
- 3am-4am
- 4am-5am
- 5am-6am
- 6am-7am
- 7am-8am
- 8am-9am
- 9am-10am
- 10am-11am
- 11am-12pm
- 12pm-1pm
- 1pm-2pm

Times outside on Weekdays during the summer

- 2pm-3pm
- 3pm-4pm
- 4pm-5pm
- 5pm-6pm
- 6pm-7pm
- 7pm-8pm
- 8pm-9pm
- 9pm-10pm
- 10pm-11pm
- 11pm-12am

On average, indicate below what times of day $\{q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$ is usually OUTSIDE on Weekends (Sat & Sun) during the summer (1 Jun - 31 Aug).

Please click and drag all that apply.

Items

My cat does not go outdoors in this season

- 12am-1am
- 1am-2am
- 2am-3am
- 3am-4am
- 4am-5am
- 5am-6am
- 6am-7am
- 7am-8am
- 8am-9am
- 9am-10am
- 10am-11am

Times outside on Weekends during the summer

11am-12pm

12pm-1pm

1pm-2pm

2pm-3pm

3pm-4pm

4pm-5pm

5pm-6pm

6pm-7pm

7pm-8pm

8pm-9pm

9pm-10pm

10pm-11pm

11pm-12am

On average, indicate below what times of day \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} is usually OUTSIDE on Weekdays (Mon-Fri) during the spring (1 Mar - 31 May).

Please click and drag all that apply.

Items

My cat does not go outdoors in this season

12am-1am

1am-2am

2am-3am

3am-4am

4am-5am

5am-6am

6am-7am

7am-8am

8am-9am

Times outside on Weekdays during the spring

9am-10am

10am-11am

11am-12pm

12pm-1pm

1pm-2pm

2pm-3pm

3pm-4pm

4pm-5pm

5pm-6pm

6pm-7pm

7pm-8pm

8pm-9pm

9pm-10pm

10pm-11pm

11pm-12am

On average, indicate below what times of day \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} is usually OUTSIDE on Weekends (Sat & Sun) during the spring (1 Mar - 31 May).

Please click and drag all that apply.

Items

My cat does not go outdoors in this season

12am-1am

1am-2am

2am-3am

3am-4am

4am-5am

5am-6am

6am-7am

Times outside on Weekends during the spring

- 7am-8am
- 8am-9am
- 9am-10am
- 10am-11am
- 11am-12pm
- 12pm-1pm
- 1pm-2pm
- 2pm-3pm
- 3pm-4pm
- 4pm-5pm
- 5pm-6pm
- 6pm-7pm
- 7pm-8pm
- 8pm-9pm
- 9pm-10pm
- 10pm-11pm
- 11pm-12am

On average, indicate below what times of day \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} is usually OUTSIDE on Weekdays (Mon-Fri) during the fall (1 Sept - 30 Nov).

Please click and drag all that apply.

Items

My cat does not go outdoors in this season

- 12am-1am
- 1am-2am
- 2am-3am
- 3am-4am

Times outside on Weekdays during the fall

- 4am-5am
- 5am-6am
- 6am-7am
- 7am-8am
- 8am-9am
- 9am-10am
- 10am-11am
- 11am-12pm
- 12pm-1pm
- 1pm-2pm
- 2pm-3pm
- 3pm-4pm
- 4pm-5pm
- 5pm-6pm
- 6pm-7pm
- 7pm-8pm
- 8pm-9pm
- 9pm-10pm
- 10pm-11pm
- 11pm-12am

On average, indicate below what times of day $\{q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$ is usually OUTSIDE on Weekends (Sat & Sun) during the fall (1 Sept - 30 Nov).

Please click and drag all that apply.

Items

My cat does not go outdoors in this season

12am-1am

1am-2am

Times outside on Weekends during the fall

2am-3am
3am-4am
4am-5am
5am-6am
6am-7am
7am-8am
8am-9am
9am-10am
10am-11am
11am-12pm
12pm-1pm
1pm-2pm
2pm-3pm
3pm-4pm
4pm-5pm
5pm-6pm
6pm-7pm
7pm-8pm
8pm-9pm
9pm-10pm
10pm-11pm
11pm-12am



What is the sex of \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue}?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Unknown

Has \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} had surgery so it can't have babies (also known as spayed/neutered, fixed, or altered)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unknown

How many litters has \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} had in the last 5 years in your care?

Approximately how many kittens per litter has \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} had?

How many kittens did \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} have that died, were lost and never recovered, or given away?

Did \${q://QID16/ChoiceTextEntryValue} get lost and found within the last 5 years while you were its caretaker?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Cat Images Intro

Now we'd like to ask you some questions about different types of cats that you may see around Washington, D.C.

Types of Cats around DC - A OE Descriptor



People use many words to describe cats in different contexts. We're interested in the first word you would use to describe the category of cats in the photo above associated with their relationship to people.*

**Please DO NOT use words related to how the cats look (such as color, size, sex, or health status) or personality words such as "nice".*

In the box below, please write 1 word that you would use to describe the type of cats in this photo. Those are _____ cats.

Types of Cats around DC - A OE Descriptor Reason



In the boxes below, please tell us 1-3 reasons why you used this term. What indicates that the type of cats in this photo are \${q://QID31/ChoiceTextEntryValue} cats?

Reason 1

Reason 2 (optional)

Reason 3 (optional)

Types of Cats around DC - A Care



Who do you think should be responsible for taking care (providing food & water, shelter, and vet care) of the type of cats in this photo?

- ☐ Community members
- ☐ Humane Rescue Alliance/ Animal shelter
- ☐ City of Washington, D.C.
- ☐ Whomever owns or takes care of the cats
- ☐ You
- ☐ Nobody
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Types of Cats around DC - A Management



In your opinion, what is the BEST WAY to manage the type of cats pictured in this photo?

- ☐ Try to find/contact owner
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so they can't have babies), vaccinate, and return cats to where they were found
- ☐ Trap and euthanize
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so they can't have babies), and bring to shelter
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so they can't have babies), vaccinate, and return to an outdoor location where the cats are fed regularly and have shelter
- ☐ Leave them be or do nothing
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Types of Cats around DC - B OE Descriptor



People use many words to describe cats in different contexts. We're interested in the first word you would use to describe the category of cat in the photo above associated with its relationship to people.*

*Please DO NOT use words related to how the cat looks (such as color, size, sex, or health status) or personality words such as "nice".

In the box below, please write 1 word that you would use to describe the cat in this photo. That's a(n) _____ cat.

Types of Cats around DC - B OE Descriptor Reason



In the boxes below, please tell us 1-3 reasons why you used this term. What indicates that the type of cat in this photo is a \${q://QID40/ChoiceTextEntryValue} cat?

Reason 1

Reason 2 (optional)

Reason 3 (optional)

Types of Cats around DC - B Care



Who do you think should be responsible for taking care (providing food & water, shelter, and vet care) of the type of cat in this photo?

- ☐ Humane Rescue Alliance/ Animal shelter
- ☐ Whomever owns or takes care of the cat
- ☐ City of Washington, D.C.
- ☐ Community members
- ☐ You
- ☐ Nobody
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Types of Cats around DC - B Management



In your opinion, what is the BEST WAY to manage the type of cat pictured in this photo?

- ☐ Feed and try to find/contact owner
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so that it can't have babies), vaccinate, and return to an outdoor location where the cat is fed regularly and has shelter
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so that it can't have babies), vaccinate, and return cat to where it was found
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so that it can't have babies), and bring to shelter
- ☐ Trap and euthanize
- ☐ Leave it be or do nothing
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Types of Cats around DC - C OE Descriptor



People use many words to describe cats in different contexts. We're interested in the first word you would use to describe the category of cat in the photo above associated with its relationship to people.*

**Please DO NOT use words related to how the cat looks (such as color, size, sex, or health status) or personality words such as "nice".*

In the box below, please write 1 word that you would use to describe the type of cat in this photo.

That's a(n) _____ cat.

Types of Cats around DC - C OE Descriptor Reason



In the boxes below, please tell us 1-3 reasons why you used this term. What indicates that the type of cat in this photo is a \${q://QID45/ChoiceTextEntryValue} cat?

Reason 1

Reason 2 (optional)

Reason 3 (optional)

Types of Cats around DC - C Care



Who do you think should be responsible for taking care (providing food & water, shelter, and vet care) of the type of cat in this photo?

- ☐ Whomever owns or takes care of the cat
- ☐ Community members

- ☐ Humane Rescue Alliance/Animal shelter
- ☐ City of Washington, D.C.
- ☐ You
- ☐ Nobody
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Types of Cats around DC - C Management

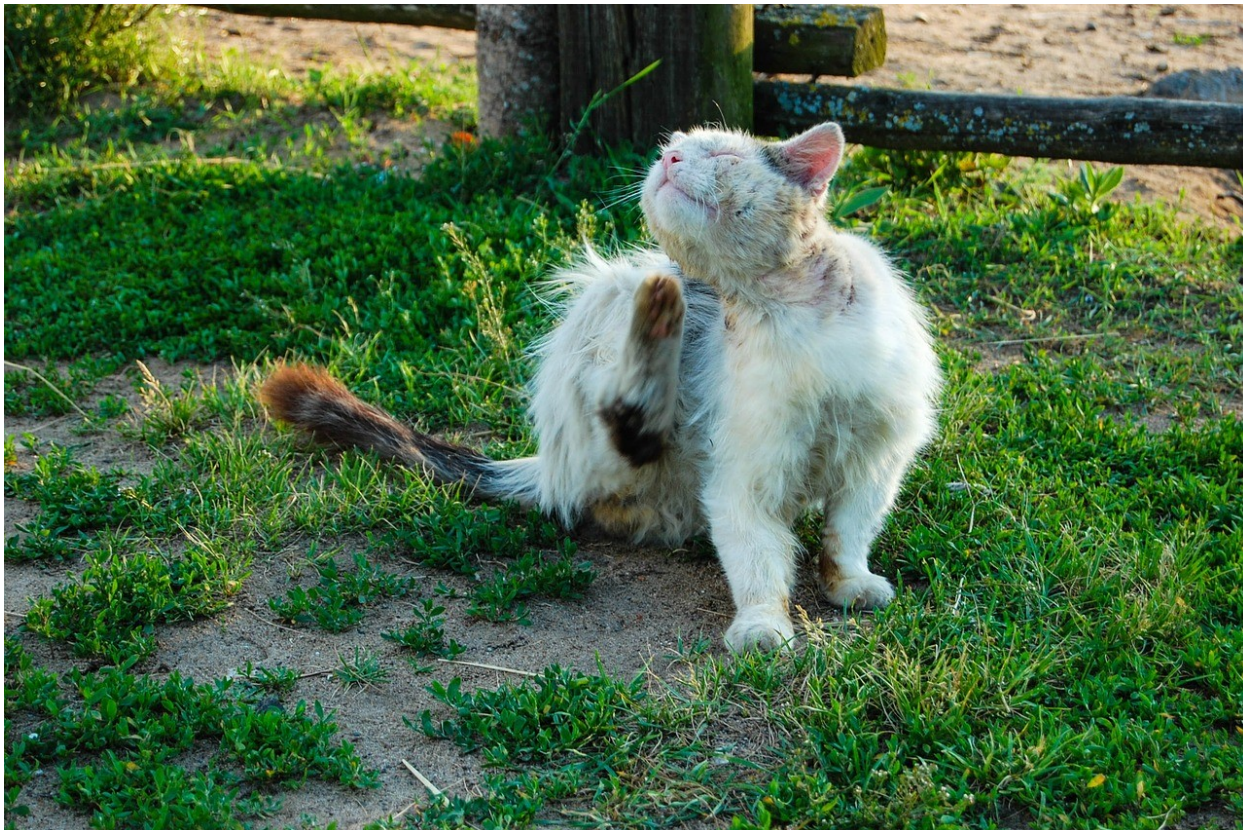


In your opinion, what is the BEST WAY to manage the type of cat pictured in this photo?

- ☐ Feed and try to find/contact owner
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so that it can't have babies), vaccinate, and return to an outdoor location where the cat is fed regularly and has shelter

- ☐ Trap and euthanize
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so that it can't have babies), and bring to shelter
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so that it can't have babies), vaccinate, and return cat to where it was found
- ☐ Leave it be or do nothing
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Types of Cats around DC - D OE Descriptor



People use many words to describe cats in different contexts. We're interested in the first word you would use to describe the category of cat in the photo above associated with its relationship to people.*

**Please DO NOT use words related to how the cat looks (such as color, size, sex, or health status) or personality words such as "nice".*

In the box below, please write 1 word that you would use to describe the type of cat in this photo.
That's a(n) _____ cat.

Types of Cats around DC - D OE Descriptor Reason



In the boxes below, please tell us 1-3 reasons why you used this term. What indicates that the cat in this photo is a \${q://QID50/ChoiceTextEntryValue} cat?

Reason 1

Reason 2 (optional)

Reason 3 (optional)

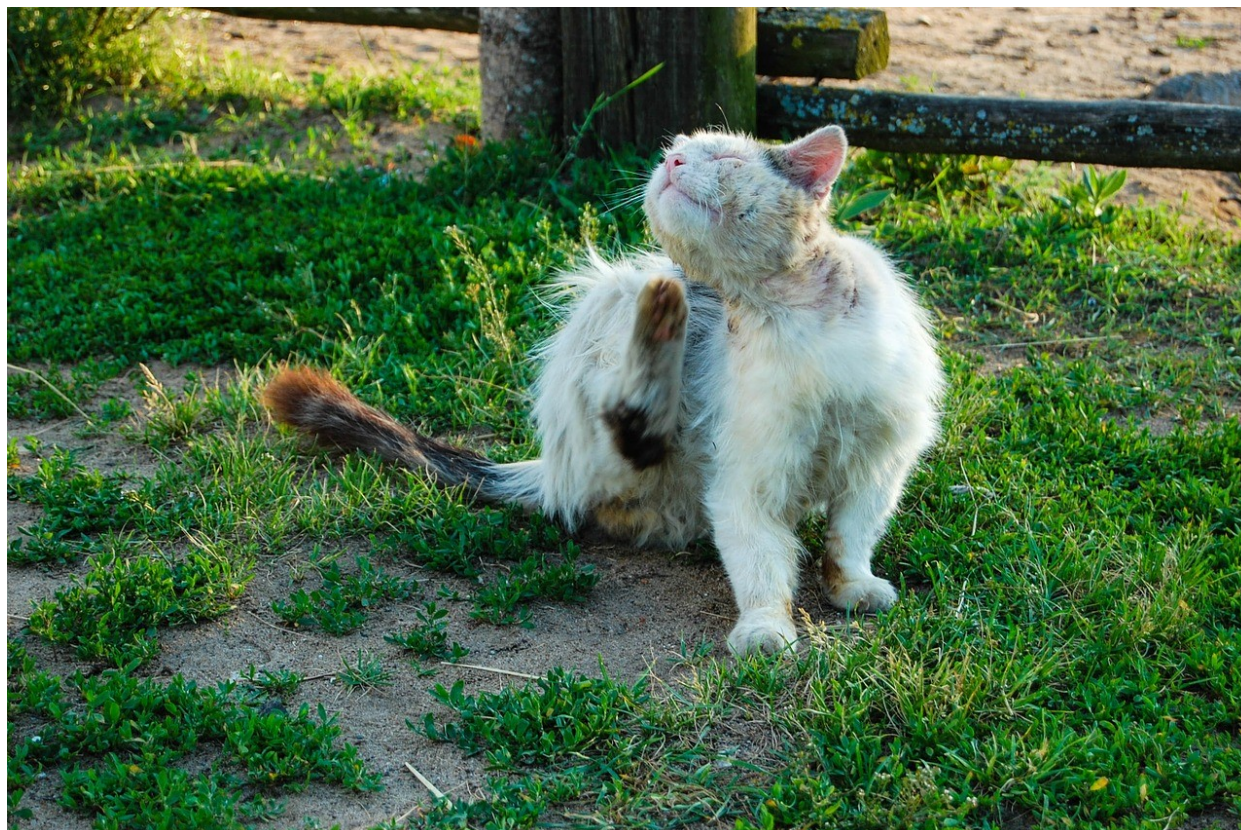
Types of Cats around DC - D Care



Who do you think should be responsible for taking care (providing food & water, shelter, and vet care) of the type of cat in this photo?

- ☐ City of Washington, D.C.
- ☐ Whomever owns or takes care of the cat
- ☐ You
- ☐ Community members
- ☐ Humane Rescue Alliance/Animal shelter
- ☐ Nobody
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Types of Cats around DC - D Management



In your opinion, what is the BEST WAY to manage the type of cat pictured in this photo?

- ☐ Trap and euthanize
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so it can't have babies), and bring to shelter
- ☐ Feed and try to find/contact owner
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so it can't have babies), vaccinate, and return cat to where it was found
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so it can't have babies), vaccinate, and return to an outdoor location where the cat is fed regularly and has shelter
- ☐ Leave it be or do nothing
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Types of Cats around DC - F OE Descriptor



People use many words to describe cats in different contexts. We're interested in the first word you would use to describe the category of cat in the photo above associated with its relationship to people.*

**Please DO NOT use words related to how the cat looks (such as color, size, sex, or health status) or personality words such as "nice".*

In the box below, please write 1 word that you would use to describe the type of cat in this photo.
That's a(n) _____ cat.

Types of Cats around DC - F OE Descriptor Reason



In the boxes below, please tell us 1-3 reasons why you used this term. What indicates that the cat in this photo is a \${q://QID60/ChoiceTextEntryValue} cat?

Reason 1

Reason 2 (optional)

Reason 3 (optional)

Types of Cats around DC - F Care



Who do you think should be responsible for taking care (providing food & water, shelter, and vet care) of the type of cat in this photo?

- ☐ Humane Rescue Alliance/ Animal shelter
- ☐ Whomever owns or takes care of the cat
- ☐ You
- ☐ Community members
- ☐ City of Washington, D.C.
- ☐ Nobody
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Types of Cats around DC - F Management



In your opinion, what is the BEST WAY to manage the type of cat pictured in this photo?

- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so that it can't have babies), vaccinate, and return to an outdoor location where the cat is fed regularly and has shelter
- ☐ Trap and euthanize
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so that it can't have babies), vaccinate, and return cat to where it was found
- ☐ Feed and try to find/contact owner
- ☐ Trap, neuter (perform surgery so that it can't have babies), and bring to shelter
- ☐ Leave it be or do nothing
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Types of Cats around DC - A Definition



Previously, we asked you to define the type of cats that are in this photo in your own words. Now, we're interested in how you would define these cats using terms that others have used.

Please choose the term that closest matches how you would define the type of cats in this picture. We realize that there may not be an option that exactly fits the word you used to describe the type of cats in this photo.

Those are _____.

- ☐ pet cats
- ☐ community cats
- ☐ feral cats
- ☐ stray cats

Types of Cats around DC - B Definition



Previously, we asked you to define the type of cat that is in this photo in your own words. Now, we're interested in how you would define this cat using terms others have used.

Please choose the term that closest matches how you would define the type of cat in this picture. We realize that there may not be an option that exactly fits the word you used to describe the type of cat in this photo.

That's a _____.

- ☐ community cat
- ☐ pet cat
- ☐ stray cat
- ☐ feral cat

Types of Cats around DC - C Definition



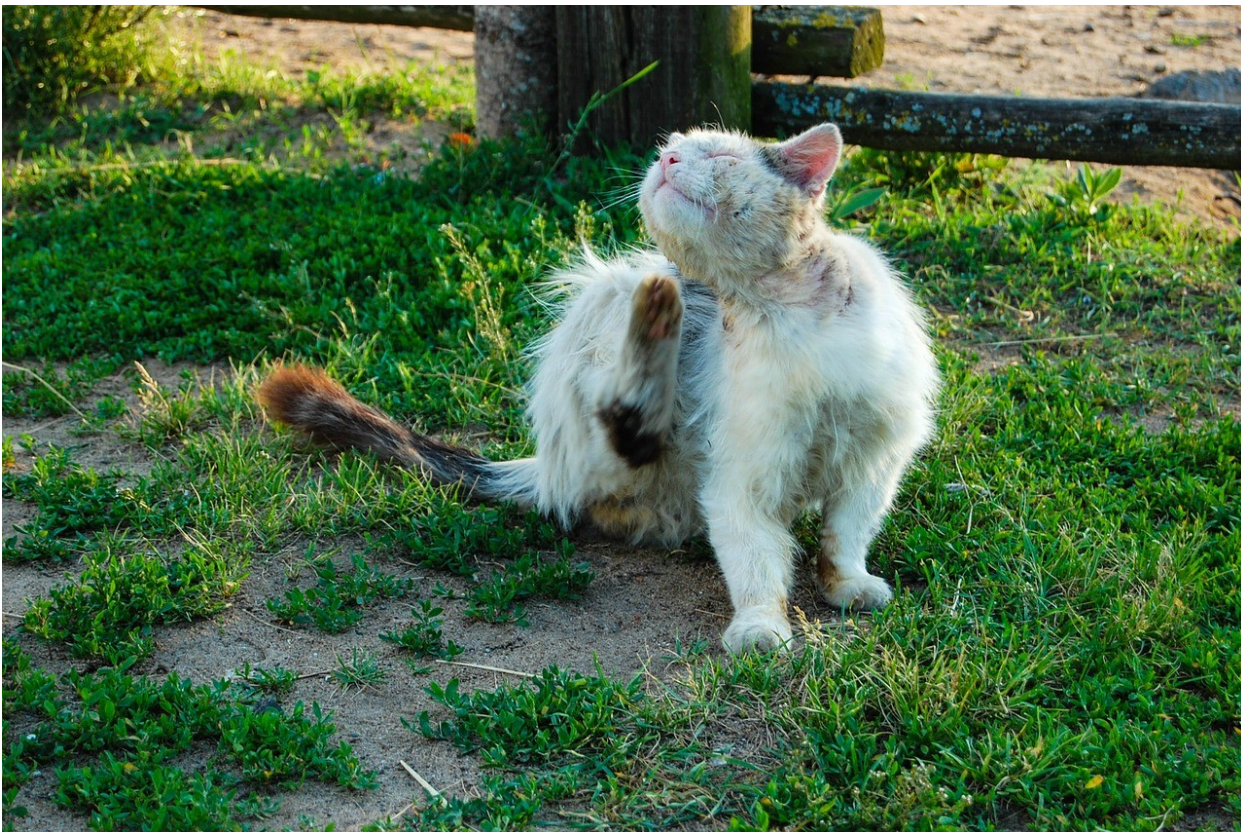
Previously, we asked you to define the type of cat that is in this photo in your own words. Now we're interested in how you would define this cat using the terms others have used.

Please choose the term that closest matches how you would define the type of cat in this picture. We realize that there may not be an option that exactly fits the word you used to describe the type of cat in this photo.

That's a _____.

- ☐ stray cat
- ☐ community cat
- ☐ feral cat
- ☐ pet cat

Types of Cats around DC - D Definition



Previously, we asked you to define the type of cat that is in this photo in your own words. Now we're interested in how you would define this cat using terms that others have used.

Please choose the term that closest matches how you would define the type of cat in this picture. We realize that there may not be an option that exactly fits the word you used to describe the type of cat in this photo.

That's a _____.

- ☐ community cat
- ☐ stray cat
- ☐ feral cat
- ☐ pet cat

Types of Cats around DC - F Definition



Previously, we asked you to define the type of cat that is in this photo in your own words. Now, we're interested in how you would define this cat using terms that others have used.

Please choose the term that closest matches how you would define the type of cat in this picture. We realize that there may not be an option that exactly fits the word you used to describe the type cat in this photo.

That's a _____.

- ☐ pet cat
- ☐ stray cat
- ☐ community cat
- ☐ feral cat

Final Demos

What gender do you most strongly identify as?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-Binary
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- ☐ Less than high school
- ☐ High school graduate or equivalent
- ☐ Some college, no degree
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Graduate or professional degree

What year were you born?