



You may have noticed an increase in the number of feral cats in the neighborhood. What's the difference between feral cats and homeless cats? Feral cats are born and live without human contact. These cats are afraid of people; you can't hold them or pet them, and they must be caught with human traps. Stray cats are homeless or abandoned domestic cats. Feral cats often live in groups called colonies but if food is scarce they may roam alone. Their homes could be near dumpsters or restaurants, or beneath porches. Even though many of these cats don't enjoy long lives, they breed and overpopulate rapidly. Human intervention is crucial to prevent more feral cats from being born. Unfortunately when you feed them you are encouraging to make a home nearby and when they do they may use your yard as their latrine and not bury their waste. They also could be carriers of feline illnesses or rabies. Don't take chances, please don't feed them.

