

The environment is negatively impacted by stray cats, which kill wildlife in order to survive. Cats are designed to hunt and most will continue to do so, but won't kill as many as they did in the past. If they are regularly fed by people who care about them, they are less likely to prey on wildlife.

It is common for people to feed strays as a good deed. It is true that feeding a stray is helpful to them, but it is not always beneficial. It is not recommended to feed them, and even animal welfare groups and veterinarians do not recommend it.

**Why not to feed stray/feral cats?**

1. Stray Cats Could Have Rabies. Stray cats may transmit rabies to people through saliva and biting. ...
2. Other Zoonotic Diseases. Cats may transmit a number of diseases to humans.
3. Parasites. Intestinal parasites such as hookworms may be transmitted to humans also.
4. Unpredictable Behavior.

Thanks,

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