



FERAL CAT DETERRENTS

How to keep cats out of your yard:

Community goals are to, **REDUCE** the number of cats per area, **ELIMINATE** nuisance behavior and **STOP** unwanted cats from entering your yard.

SPAY & NEUTER is the most effective form of population control. Low cost services are available at Animal Samaritans and Animal Action League. Clinic info is online: www.animalsamaritans.org & www.animalactionleague.us

The following items are designed to deter outdoor cats:

USED COFFEE GROUNDS: Cats dislike the smell of coffee. Adding used coffee grounds to your garden will deter them. Used grounds are **FREE** at many popular coffee shops!

DEDICATED CAT AREA: Ask your neighborhood cat lover to provide and maintain a large, outdoor cat sand box for the neighborhood cats. Ask them to plant cat grass and catnip so cats will be attracted to visit this spot.

CHICKEN WIRE: Cats hate stepping on chicken wire; they won't walk where it is. Get creative with shapes and sizes and press into sand/soil.

LANDSCAPE ROCKS: Prevent cats from digging and eliminating in sand and soil by covering exposed ground with attractive rocks, river rocks, or large gravel. Available at Home Depot, Lowes, or garden/landscape supplier.

CAT SCAT MATS: Plastic mats with prickly, plastic teeth irritate but do not harm cats. Pressed into sand or soil, they repel cats from unwanted areas. Available at www.gardeners.com

CAT REPELLENT: Pellets formulated with essential oils and white pepper create an aromatic barrier which encourages cats to stay away from garden areas. Available from www.gardeners.com/

MOTORIZED DETERRENTS: to deter community cats from a larger area, water, motion, or ultrasonic deterrents are a great solution. Our favorites are: Contech Ultrasonic and Stay Away Motion-Activated Animal Deterrent, and the "ScareCrow" Sprinkler Motion Activated Animal Deterrent. Available online at: www.amazon.com & www.domyownpestcontrol.com

If you have questions or need advice on a plan to solve your specific problem, contact The Coachella Valley Cat Action Team: (760) 834-7015.