



## Colony Management Guide

Spay/Neuter \* Food & Water \* Shelter

*If you need assistance with spay & neuter services for the colonies you are managing, please head to: [forgottenfelines.com/appointment](http://forgottenfelines.com/appointment) to schedule.*

### Spay and Neuter

Most important aspect is making sure all cats in the colony are altered. We can help with that. We loan out humane traps and show you how to use them. Loaner traps are free of charge but ask for a credit card number in lieu of a deposit. Clinics and Mondays and Wednesday by appointment only. S/N is the best and first step in ensuring the health of the cat and controlling the population.

### Food

**What to Feed:** Dry food is recommended for colony feeding because it can remain out all day and not spoil. If you choose to feed wet food, do so in a separate plate or bowl rather than mixing it in with the dry food. Wet food will spoil if not eaten, attract ants and other insects.

**When to Feed:** It is recommended that feeding take place first thing in the morning or during the day because there is less chance of attracting wildlife to feeding station. Pull any left over by nightfall.

**How Much to Feed:** One (1) cup of dry food per cat in your colony per day. If the food is all gone (and it hasn't clearly been eaten by wildlife), then you may want to increase the amount. If there is a substantial amount of food leftover, you should decrease the amount. Make sure to feed out of sight out of mind of the public eye. Do not want to draw attention for the safety of the cats. Make sure you keep it nice and tidy. Zero debris left. If you only feed dry food, I would not use a bowl, less conspicuous. I feed in a line or different piles if more than 4 cats are out there. This way no food competition. If feed wet food I would use a bowl.

**Community Food Assistance:** **Due to the high cost associated with cat food, we cannot supply free food to the public.**

### Water

Fresh water should be given every day. If water is gone when you visit the colony, increase the number of water bowls, or get a bigger one. It is important that water is always available. Cats by nature do not get enough water. It is vital to their health.

### Shelters

**Shelters for Sale:** Buy pre-made shelters (such as small dog igloos) from local pet supply stores for around \$40 to \$70. Feeding Stations should be kept clean and tidy for the same reasons as stated above. Old blankets and towels (or hay) in the winter shelters should be changed periodically for sanitation purposes.