

**HOW TO CONTEND WITH CATS
THAT BECOME A NUISANCE ON YOUR PROPERTY**

When allowed to roam, cats can create a real nuisance in neighbors' yards by leaving foul-smelling urine and feces behind. More serious, however, are the property damage caused by clawing and scratching and the threat roaming cats pose to wildlife, including song birds.

Following are just a few remedies to consider that are safe to both pets and humans:

Apply cat repellant gel crystals, as directed by manufacturer (available in pet and hardware stores and on-line).

Scatter cat repellants such as fresh orange and lemon peels, coffee grounds and pipe tobacco.

Apply cat repellent fragrances (oil of lavender, lemongrass, rosemary, citronella and eucalyptus) liberally around the edges of the yard, the tops of fences and on any favorite digging areas or plants.

Add cat repellant plants to your garden or place potted plants in problem areas (lavender, lemongrass, rosemary, citronella, eucalyptus).

Place clear beverage bottles filled with water in and around your garden.

Install an ultrasonic animal repellent or a motion- activated water sprinkler.

Residents may also set Have-a-Heart traps on their property or have them trapped by Tyco Animal Control. For more information, call 201-652-4550. ***Since all cats, both indoor and outdoor, belonging to Oakland residents must be licensed annually, any cat found in a trap that cannot be identified will be treated as a stray.***

REMINDER: Cats, especially those that are feral, are common carriers of rabies. Rabies can be transmitted just through contact with a rabid animal's fur, and rabid animals do not always show symptoms in the early stages of the disease. Never approach or touch stray cats or any other wildlife, regardless of how cute they appear. You could unintentionally expose yourself and your entire family to rabies.