

Special Issue

Behavioural Ecology and Welfare of Free-Ranging Cats

Message from the Guest Editors

Free-ranging domestic cats (*Felis silvestris catus*) have different life histories, may live in colonies, or lead solitary lives, in urban/peri-urban or natural environments. Safeguarding the well-being of these diverse types of cats is a challenge, since their management and associated problems differ. Various methodologies and approaches have been used to: document predatory impacts of free-ranging cats on local fauna; design management strategies and legislation to limit ecological damage; describe spacing patterns, social organization and mating systems of free-ranging cats in different environments; and document evolution of feline viruses. We invite original research papers that address free-ranging cat behavior and management in different countries, and address the following (separately or together): (1) free-ranging cat behaviour (e.g. social organization, social cognition, predatory impact); (2) management strategies enforced by national laws; (3) ethical issues associated with cat management; (4) human-dimensions (e.g. human knowledge/attitudes/behavior & interactions with free-ranging cats).

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