

We have a number of feral cats in our care.

From time to time we receive calls from members of the public who have discovered a cat living in their garden. The cat may be someone's pet that is lost or it may be a feral looking for food. If the cat is feral (which means it is wild and cannot be domesticated) we will trap the cat and have him/her neutered. If the householder is willing to keep the cat in their garden and feed him we will provide a wind and watertight shelter. A feral cat can live a decent life under those circumstances - as long as they have a dry bed and are being fed.



*Some of our feral cats enjoying a meal*

However, more often than not the cat is not welcome for all sorts of reasons. In that case we will put the cat on one of our farm facilities where they are confined in spacious accommodation for a couple of weeks until they have accustomed themselves to their new environment. Once they have settled and are eating well we will release them where they will be fed every day.

In our experience the majority of feral cats we have handled adapt to new surroundings very well as you can see by the photographs.

Kittens born wild to a feral mother can be domesticated if they are caught soon (under ten weeks) and handled every day until they come round.

NASSL have just finished neutering a feral cat colony that was 30 strong. They were living on a piece of waste ground just off a very busy road. Various people were feeding them but when their numbers began to grow we were asked if we could help. They are all doing fine and have settled into their new environment very well

