



# Cats & the Law

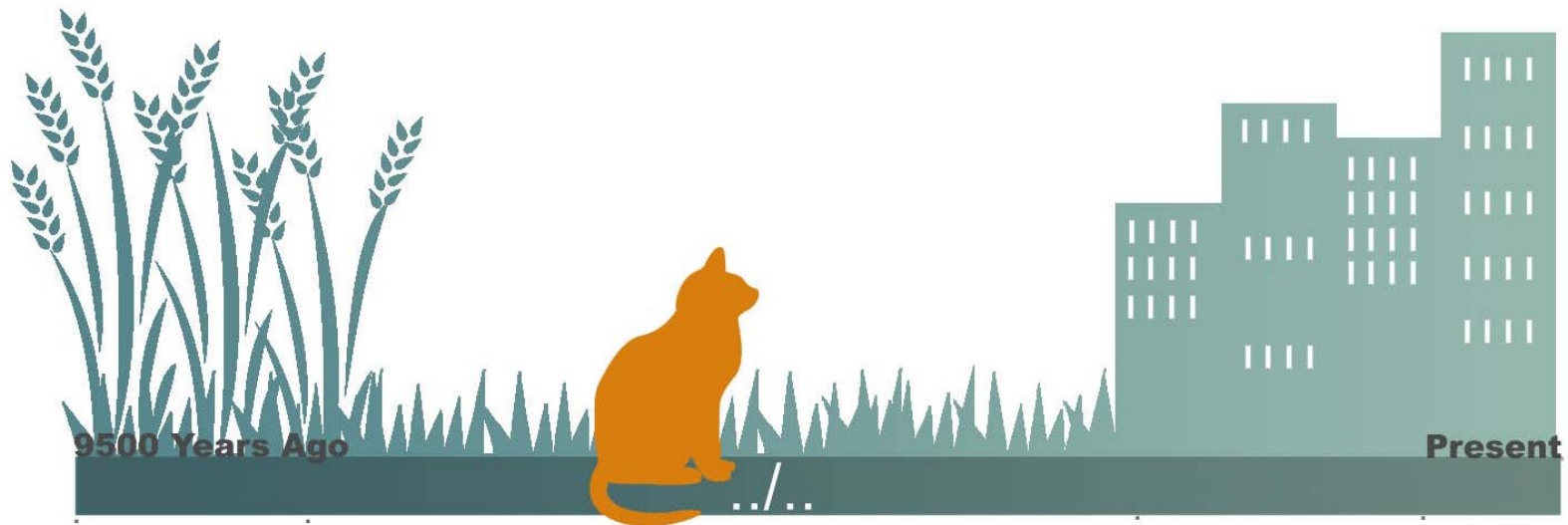
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# Cat Domestication Timeline



7500 - 7000 BC



**Cyprus - Neolithic**  
Archeological dig proves that cats were living near humans

4000 - 2000 BC



**Egypt**  
Previously thought as the period of domestication between 4,000 to 2,000 BC.

1871



**First Cat Show**  
The first official Cat Show in Great Britain took place at the Crystal Palace in London on the 13th of July 1871. It was organized by writer, artist and cat lover Harrison Weir

1946

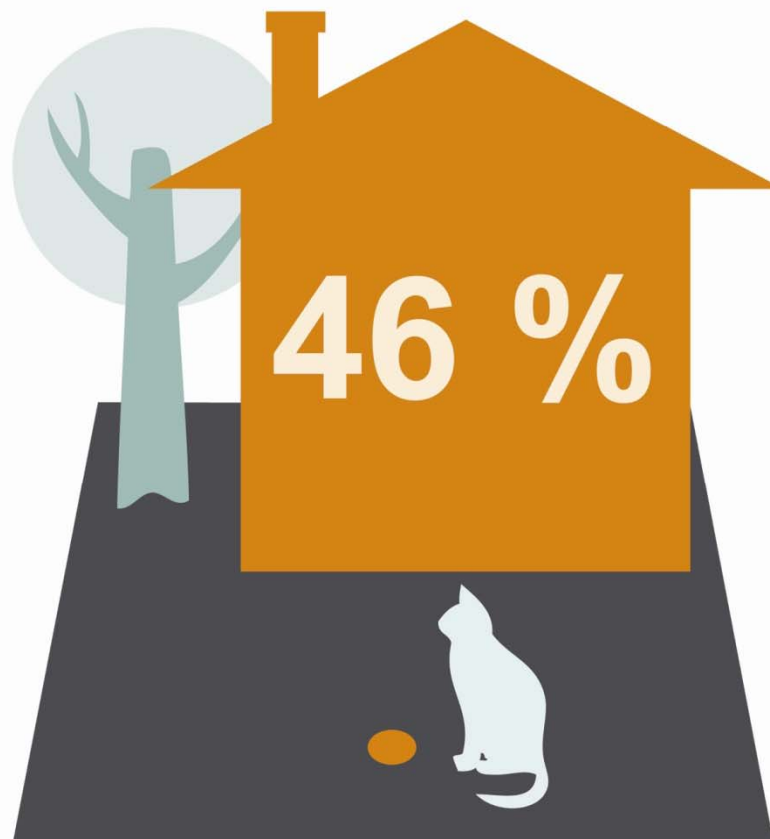


**Cat Litter is invented**  
In 1946, Edward Lowe, a salesman of granulated clay used to absorb industrial grease spills, realized that his product could be used by cats.

**Cats are in 1/3 of all U.S. Households**



**Forty-six percent of Americans have left food or water out for a stray cat as an adult.**



**And 22% have done so in the last year.**



# Cat Health

**A study examining infectious disease rates of feral cats found that they had **similar or lower prevalence rates of infections than those published for pet cats in the United States.**\***

\*Brian J. Luria et al., *Prevalence of Infectious Diseases in Feral Cats in Northern Florida*, 6(5) J. Feline Med. Surg. 287, 287 (2004).

**While the anecdotal evidence of stray cats' harsh lives offered by the animal control and sheltering system is true in certain individual cases, **single anecdotes should not be extrapolated to a policy of killing all stray cats.****

# Cat Health

A 2006 study found that of **103,643 stray and feral cats** examined in spay/neuter clinics in six states from 1993 to 2004, **less than 1%** of those cats was euthanized due to debilitating conditions, trauma, or infectious diseases.\*

\*Jennifer L. Wallace and Julie K. Levy, *Population Characteristics of Feral Cats Admitted to Seven Trap-Neuter-Return Programs in the United States*, 8(4) J. Feline Med. Surg. 279, 282 (2006).

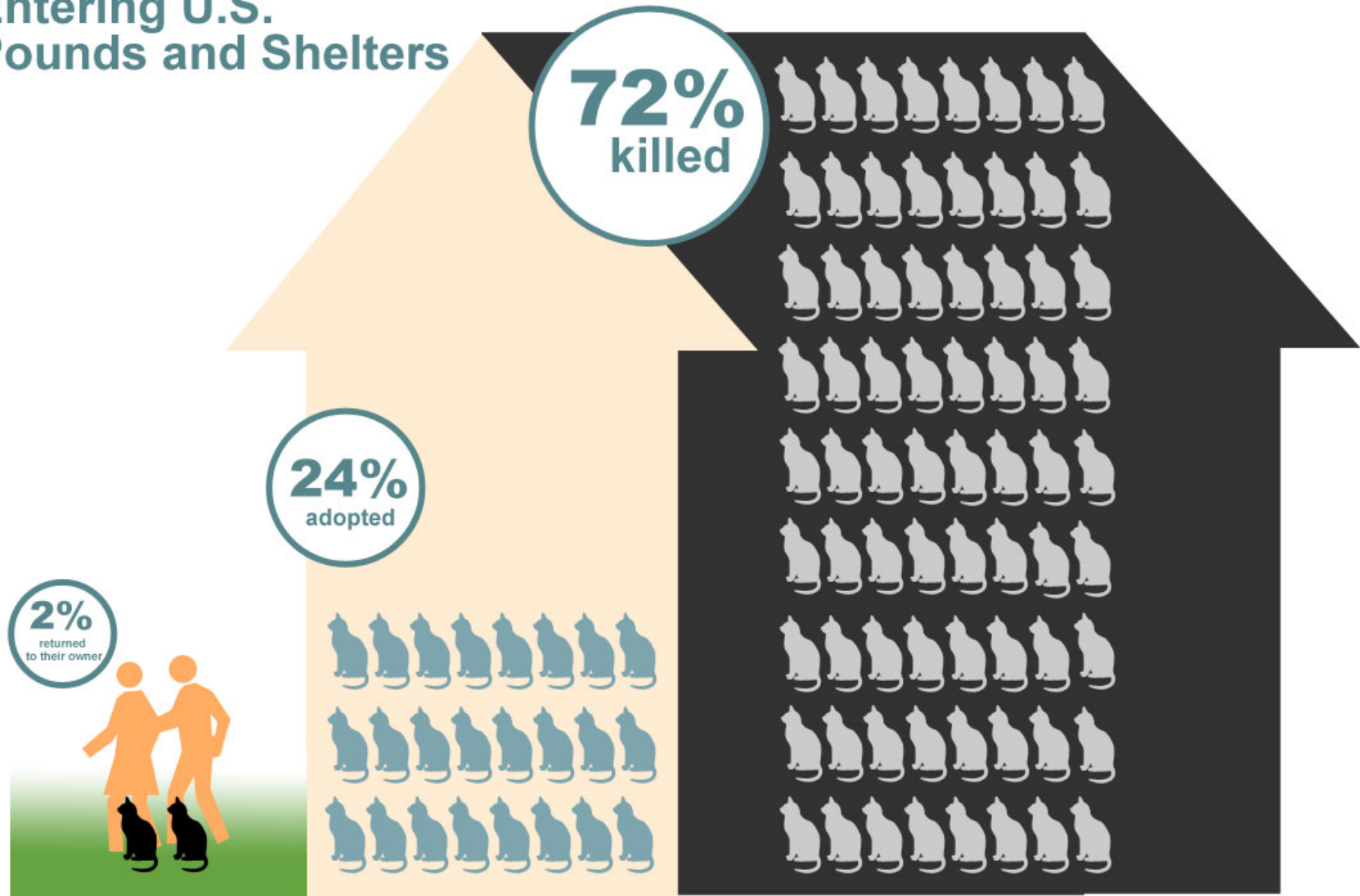
A study conducted in 2002 examined the **body weight, body condition score, and falciform fat pads** of 105 mature male cats brought to a spay/neuter clinic in Alachua County, Florida. The study revealed that overall, the **cats in this study were lean but not emaciated prior to neutering**.\*

\*Karen C. Scott et al., *Body Condition of Feral Cats and the Effect of Neutering*, 5(3) J. Appl. Anim. Welf. Sci. 203, 210 (2002).

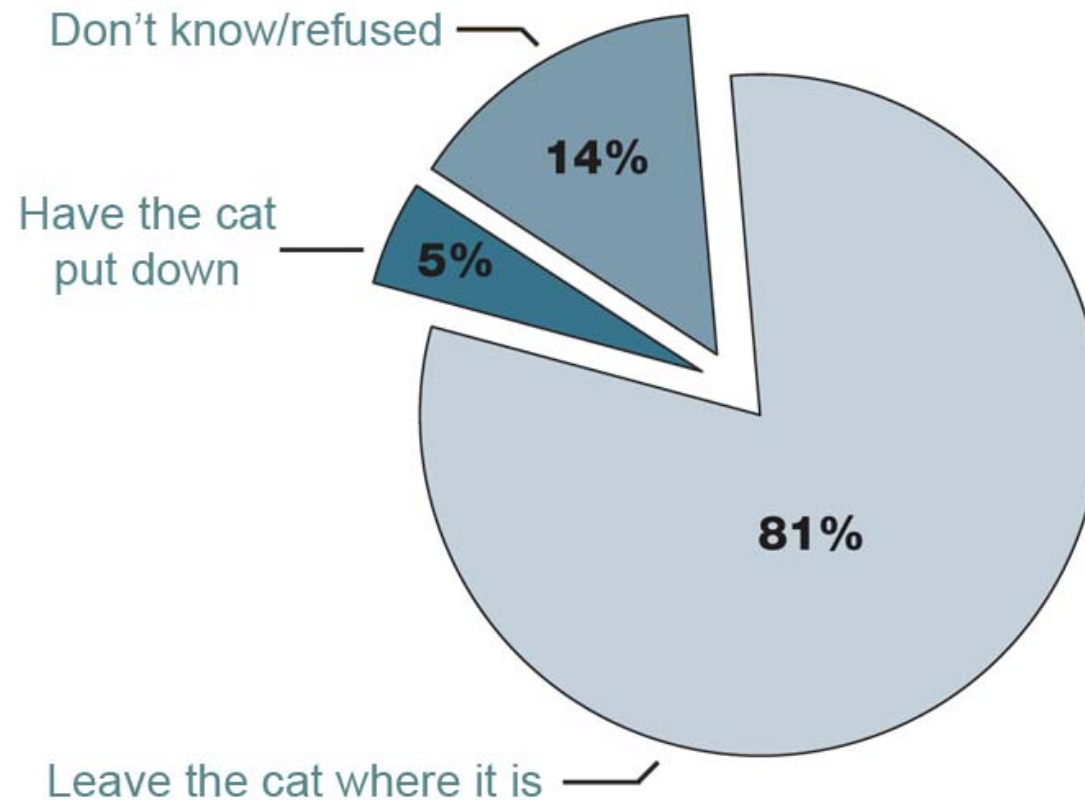
**Euthanasia** - *n.* The act or practice of ending the life of an individual suffering from a terminal illness or an incurable condition, as by lethal injection or the suspension of extraordinary medical treatment.

*-The American Heritage Dictionary*

# Fate of Cats Entering U.S. Pounds and Shelters

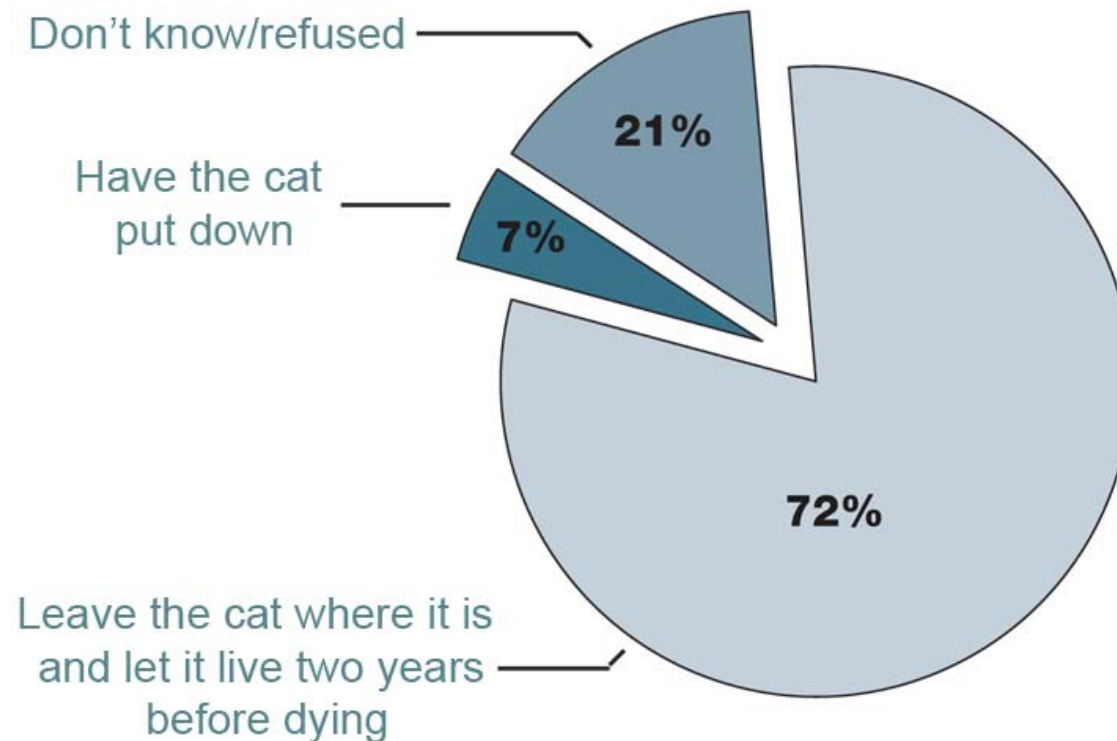


## “If you saw a stray cat in your community...?”



Karyen Chu & Wendy M. Anderson. "US Public Opinion on Humane Treatment of Stray Cats."  
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## “What if the stray cat will be hit by a car in 2 years...?”



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