

New Scientific Study Finds Vast Majority of Pet Cats Are Neutered

Eighty percent of cats in U.S. households are neutered, according to a new, nationally representative study conducted by Alley Cat Allies and published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Association, a leading peer-reviewed scientific journal.

When looking at the neuter rates of cats in U.S. households, it is important to remember that pet cats represent only a part of the entire U.S. cat population. Scientists estimate that there may be as many stray and feral cats in the United States as there are cats living in people's homes. In contrast to the high neuter rate of pet cats, the most comprehensive research to date indicates that **less than 3% of stray and feral cats are neutered.**

"[A]ny attempt to increase the proportion of neutered cats in the United States must include stray and feral cats."

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Spay/Neuter Status of U.S. Cat Population

