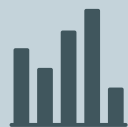


Management of Free Roaming Cat Populations in Slovakia: Attitudinal Perspectives of Residents Engaged with Unowned Cats – A Community Case Report

Methods



Results



- OF 276 RESPONDENTS 89% WERE WOMEN,
- 61% AGED 31-50 YEARS,
- 52% INVOLVED WITH THIS WORK FOR LESS THAN 5 YEARS,
- 75% NOT AFFILIATED WITH OFFICIAL ORGANISATIONS



- GENERALIZING VIEWS ON DOMESTIC CAT BEHAVIOUR
- CONFLICTING ATTITUDES TOWARDS POPULATION MANAGEMENT
- 16% EXHIBITED STRONGER OPINIONS SUGGESTING GREATER EMOTIONAL INVESTMENT



- FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS ARE THE TOP CHALLENGE



- RECEPTIVE TO NEW LEARNING
- MOST PREFERRED TOPICS: TNR PROGRAM PLANNING AND STRATEGIES FOR CATS UNSUITABLE FOR RE-HOMING

Conclusions

This study is the inaugural analysis of the Slovak population engaged in the care of unowned cats, and our findings indicate that **providing specialised, complimentary training programs for volunteers** working with free-roaming cats **may** serve as an effective strategy to **improve urban cat management in Slovakia.**

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