

Alley Cat Advocates Survey

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Informed Consent *Please review the attached survey consent form and the information below before selecting an option.*

[Survey consent form](#)

I have read the information above and have received a copy of this form. Clicking the button to continue and completing the survey (questionnaire) constitutes my consent to participate.

- ☐ I agree (1)
- ☐ I disagree (2)

Skip To: Q1 If Please review the attached survey consent form and the information below before selecting an opti... = I agree

Skip To: End of Survey If Please review the attached survey consent form and the information below before selecting an opti... = I disagree

Q1 For the purposes of this survey, we use the term “community cats” to refer to cats that aren’t owned by anyone but may be cared for by one or more individuals. These are sometimes called “stray” or “feral” cats.

We also use the term "caretaker/caregiver" to refer to an individual other than an owner who provides food, water, and/or shelter to a community cat or community cat colony.

Q2 Do you or have you ever used any services offered through Alley Cat Advocates?

- ☐ Yes, I have utilized services at Alley Cat Advocates within the last year (1)
- ☐ Yes, but I have not utilized services at Alley Cat Advocates within the last year (2)
- ☐ No, I have never utilized services at Alley Cat Advocates (3)

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Skip To: Q7 If Do you or have you ever used any services offered through Alley Cat Advocates? = No, I have never utilized services at Alley Cat Advocates

Q3 How did you first hear about Alley Cat Advocates programs?

- ☐ Volunteer / Staff (1)
- ☐ Friend (2)
- ☐ Partner Agency (3)
- ☐ Media (4)
- ☐ Google Search (5)
- ☐ Other (please specify) (6)

Q4 How long have you been bringing cats into Alley Cat Advocates for services?

- ☐ Less than 1 year (1)
- ☐ 1 to 2 years (2)
- ☐ 3 to 5 years (3)
- ☐ 6 to 10 years (4)
- ☐ 11 to 15 years (5)
- ☐ More than 15 years (6)



Q5 We would like to ask you about your experience with services provided at Alley Cat Advocates. Using the following scale, rate your level of agreement with each statement:

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly agree (5)	Not applicable (6)
Scheduling an appointment was fast. (1)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Scheduling an appointment was easy. (2)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I was provided clear instructions for cat drop-off and pick-up. (3)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
When borrowing a trap, I was given clear instructions. (4)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I felt supported through every step of the process. (5)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The staff at Alley Cat Advocates were friendly. (6)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My overall experience with Alley Cat Advocates was efficient. (7)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q6 Do you have any additional comments or suggestions to share about your experiences with Alley Cat Advocates?

Q7 Do you provide food, water, or shelter for one or more community cats or have you done so in the recent past?

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

Skip To: Q9 If Do you provide food, water, or shelter for one or more community cats or have you done so in the... = Yes

Skip To: Q8 If Do you provide food, water, or shelter for one or more community cats or have you done so in the... = No

Q8 We're sorry. You do not meet the qualifications for this study. We appreciate your willingness and the time you have taken to participate in our online survey.

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Q9 As you answer the next section, think about the community cats that you currently (or previously) provide[d] regular care for.



Q10 We would like to know more about your experience. Please consider your general interactions with the community cats that you provide[d] care for and use the following scale to rate your level of agreement with each statement:

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly agree (5)
The cats I care for provide me with companionship. (1)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Providing for community cats gives me something to care for. (2)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Being a caregiver to community cats provides me with a pleasurable activity. (3)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The cats I care for make me play and laugh. (4)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Providing for community cats gives me something to love. (5)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I get comfort from caring for community cats. (6)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Being a caregiver to community cats is a source of constancy in my life. (7)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I enjoy watching the community cats I care for. (8)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The community cats I care for make me feel loved. (9)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

The community cats I care for make me feel trusted. (10)

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Being a caregiver to community cats makes me feel needed. (11)

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If I'm unable to provide care to the cats any longer, there is someone else who can provide care to the cats. (12)

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If a community cat I care for doesn't show up as expected, I become worried. (13)

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Q11 How long have you been caring for these community cats?

- ☐ Less than 1 year (1)
- ☐ 1 to 2 years (2)
- ☐ 3 to 5 years (3)
- ☐ 6 to 10 years (4)
- ☐ 11 to 15 years (5)
- ☐ More than 15 years (6)

Q12 How often, on average, do you care for community cats?

- ☐ Twice a day (1)
- ☐ Once a day (2)
- ☐ Every other day (3)
- ☐ Once a week (4)
- ☐ Twice a week (5)
- ☐ Other (please specify) (6) _____

Q13 How much do you estimate you spend in the average month to provide for the cats (food, travel, vet care, etc.)?

Q14 Choose which options best describe your interaction with the cats (select all that apply):

- ☐ I can pet / touch some or all of the cats (1)
- ☐ The cats will approach to eat while I am near (2)
- ☐ I can see the cats around, but they will not approach while I am present (3)
- ☐ I do not see the cats when I am caretaking (4)

Q15 Do you care for multiple community cat groups?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (2)

Skip To: Q17 If Do you care for multiple community cat groups? = Yes

Skip To: Q16 If Do you care for multiple community cat groups? = No

Q16 How many cats are in the group that you provide care for? Use your best guess if necessary, and the average if the number varies by day.

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Q17 How many cats are in the smallest group you care for? Use your best guess if necessary.

Q18 How many cats are in the largest group you care for? Use your best guess if necessary.

Q19 How would you describe the area where your cats are?

- ☐ Rural (1)
- ☐ Suburban (2)
- ☐ Urban (3)
- ☐ Other (please specify) (4) _____

Q20 How do you travel to reach the cats you care for? (please select all that apply)

- ☐ None, I feed the cats in my own yard (1)
 - ☐ Vehicle that I own (2)
 - ☐ Carpool (3)
 - ☐ Rely on family or friends (4)
 - ☐ Public transportation (5)
 - ☐ Paid transportation (taxi, Uber, or Lyft) (6)
 - ☐ Bicycle (7)
 - ☐ Walk (8)
 - ☐ Other (please specify) (9)
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Q21 We would like to know more about your experience. Please consider your general interactions with the community cats that you provide[d] care for and use the following scale to rate your level of agreement with each statement:

	Very often (1)	Often (2)	Sometimes (3)	Rarely (4)	Never (5)
I have postponed or canceled a vacation in order to care for the community cats. (1)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
When going out of town, there is someone who can cover for me as caretaker. (2)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have gone without purchasing something for myself because I needed the money to provide care for community cats. (3)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I go outside when the weather is poor to provide for community cats. (4)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q22 We are interested in understanding what your experiences with community cats mean to you as well as any sacrifices you have made in order to provide care for community cats. Please share any additional information that you think would be helpful for us.

Q23 You're almost done!

Our final questions are for classification purposes only.

Q24 What is your zip code?

Q25 What type of building is your residence? (please select only one)

- ☐ House (1)
- ☐ Apartment, flat (2)
- ☐ Condo (3)
- ☐ Duplex (4)
- ☐ Mobile home (5)
- ☐ Other (please specify) (6) _____
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (7)

Q26 Based on where you reside, please select the option that best describes your situation?

- ☐ Owned by you or someone in the household with a mortgage or loan (1)
- ☐ Owned by you or someone in the household free and clear (no mortgage or loan) (2)
- ☐ Rented (3)
- ☐ Occupied without payment of rent (4)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (5)

Q27 How long have you lived there?

- ☐ Less than 1 year (1)
- ☐ 2 to 5 years (2)
- ☐ 6 to 10 years (3)
- ☐ 11 to 15 years (4)
- ☐ 16 to 20 years (5)
- ☐ More than 20 years (6)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (7)

Q28 Level of education

- ☐ Less than a high school diploma (1)
- ☐ High school diploma or equivalent (2)
- ☐ Some college, no degree (3)
- ☐ Postsecondary nondegree award (4)
- ☐ Associate's degree (5)
- ☐ Bachelor's degree (6)
- ☐ Master's degree (7)
- ☐ More than a master's degree (8)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (9)

Q29 How much total combined money did all members of your household earn in 2022, before taxes?

- ☐ Less than \$15,000 (1)
- ☐ \$15,000 to \$34,999 (2)
- ☐ \$35,000 to \$49,999 (3)
- ☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999 (4)
- ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999 (5)
- ☐ \$100,000 to \$149,999 (6)
- ☐ \$150,000 or more (7)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (8)

Q30 Age group

- ☐ Under 20 years old (1)
- ☐ 20 to 29 years old (2)
- ☐ 30 to 39 years old (3)
- ☐ 40 to 49 years old (4)
- ☐ 50 to 59 years old (5)
- ☐ 60 to 69 years old (6)
- ☐ 70 years or older (7)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (8)

Q31 Gender identity

- ☐ Male (1)
- ☐ Female (2)
- ☐ Other (3)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (4)

Q32 Race or ethnicity (please select all that apply)

- ☐ American Indian / Alaska Native (1)
- ☐ Asian (2)
- ☐ Black or African-American (3)
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino (4)
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (5)
- ☐ White (6)
- ☐ Other (please specify) (7)
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- ☐ Prefer not to answer (8)

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