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JERRY's story was inspired by the admirable resilience of stray cats in their struggle to survive. The author aims to raise awareness about the plight of street cats, and make the life of a stray a little better.

Join us on
JERRY's
special journey!

Dedicated to all cat lovers!

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Hello my Friends, I am **JERRY**
And I'd love to be your furry friend
Please hear my story
Until the very end.







I come from a different world
A place not far away,
My mission is to brighten this world
For each and every stray.

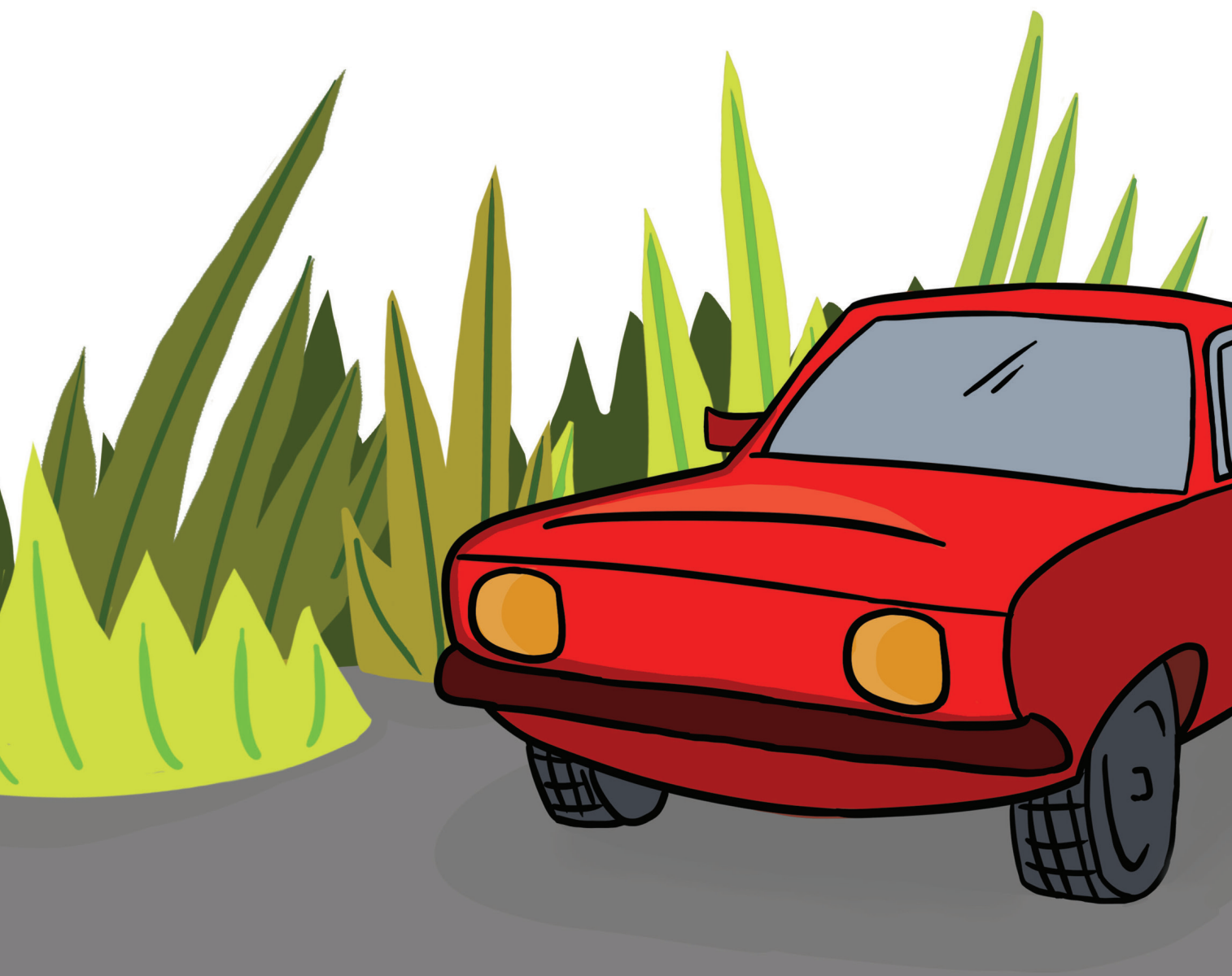


STRAY: A cat that is living on the streets and does not have a family to care for it or a safe home.

In my world, my fellow cats
Do not  roam busy streets.
They sleep in warm and comfortable beds
And get lots of treats.



ROAM: Exploring areas near and far. This puts the cat in danger.

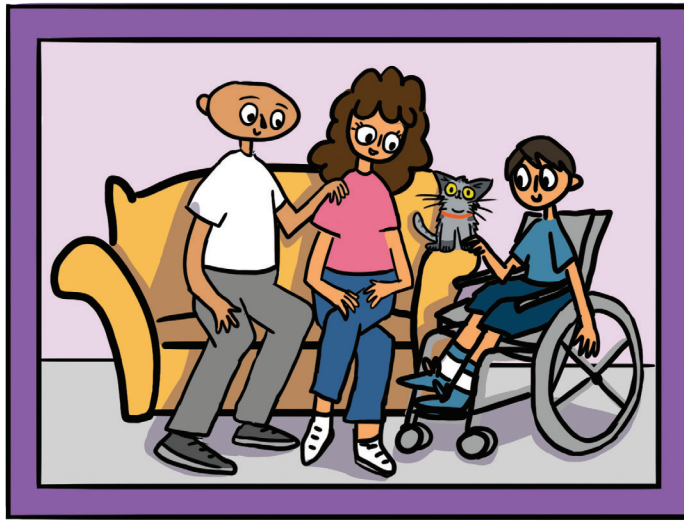




They are truly loved and cared for
They need not steal or plead.
They have a special someone to cuddle up to
Who takes care of their every need.

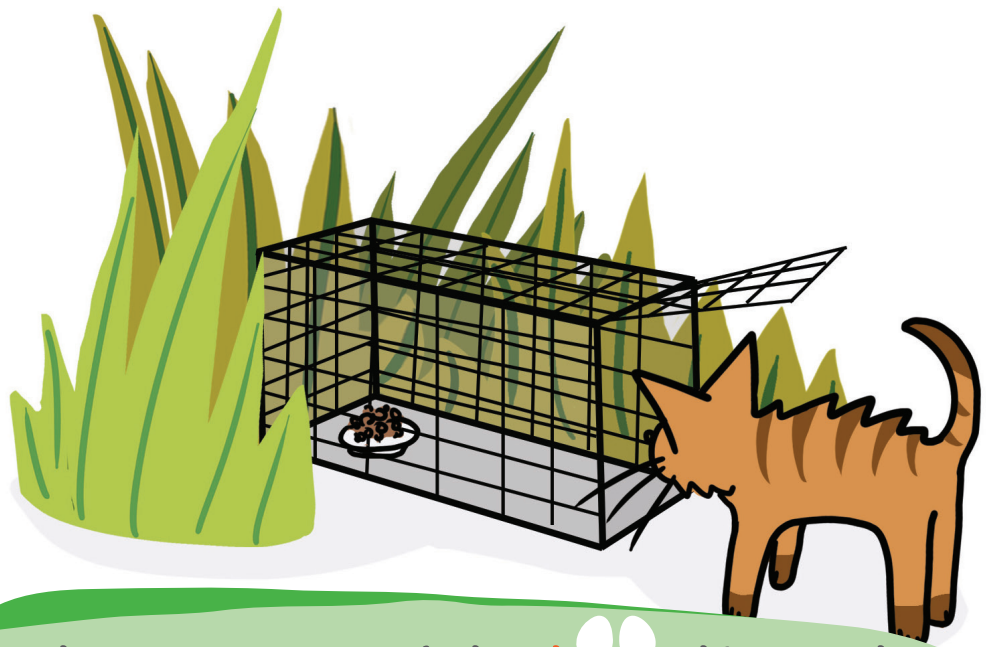
Hmmm, I see now
what is happening here,
The problem
clearly shows.
There are too many
stray cats around
But just not enough
safe homes.





It's about time we changed this,
In a safe and kind way
and when everyone is happy,
then I can be on my way.





Firstly, you need to **trap** the cat
in the safest possible way,
Take it immediately to the vet,
who will keep it for a day,
And depending if it's a boy or a girl,
the vet will **neuter** or **spay**



TRAP: A special cage that allows people to catch cats in a safe way for both the person and the cat. There is usually a door that closes on its own, once the cat is inside and triggers the trap.

NEUTER AND SPAY: A surgery that will stop a cat from reproducing kittens. Male cats are neutered and female cats are spayed. This does not harm or hurt the cat and offers them a healthier life.

The vet will clean its ears and teeth,
And treat it for ticks and fleas.

The vet will also  nip its ear,
so other rescuers will know
That this cat has been neutered
and it will healthily grow.

Then if it is safe you can return the cat,
to where it was originally trapped
This place is familiar,
otherwise it will need to  readapt.



NIP: A small 'v' shaped cut or straight cut on the ear tip which is a symbol that the cat is neutered. This does not hurt the cat.

READAPT: Taking unwanted cats from one place and leaving them somewhere else, stresses the cats. It is an unfamiliar place that holds many dangers for them like bullying from other cats, being attacked by dogs and danger from roads and many more.



You can also build cat shelters,
to keep them safe and warm.
Away from busy roads,
and hazards of any form.

If you come across a kitten,
in urgent need of a home,
take time to **socialize** it,
foster and keep it safe
so it will not **roam**.

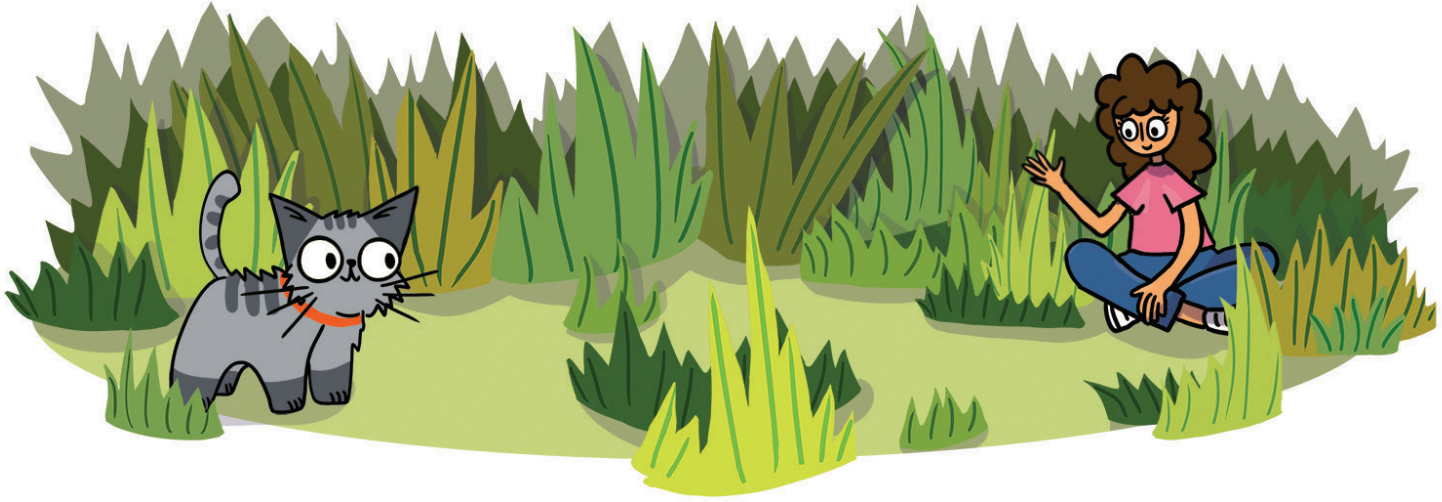


SOCIALIZE: This is a process where you help the kitten or cat to become used to people, a place and the environment it will live in. This helps them to be friendlier and not afraid.

FOSTER: Take a stray cat into your home and give it love and care until it is adopted permanently.

ROAM: Exploring areas near and far. This puts the cat in danger.

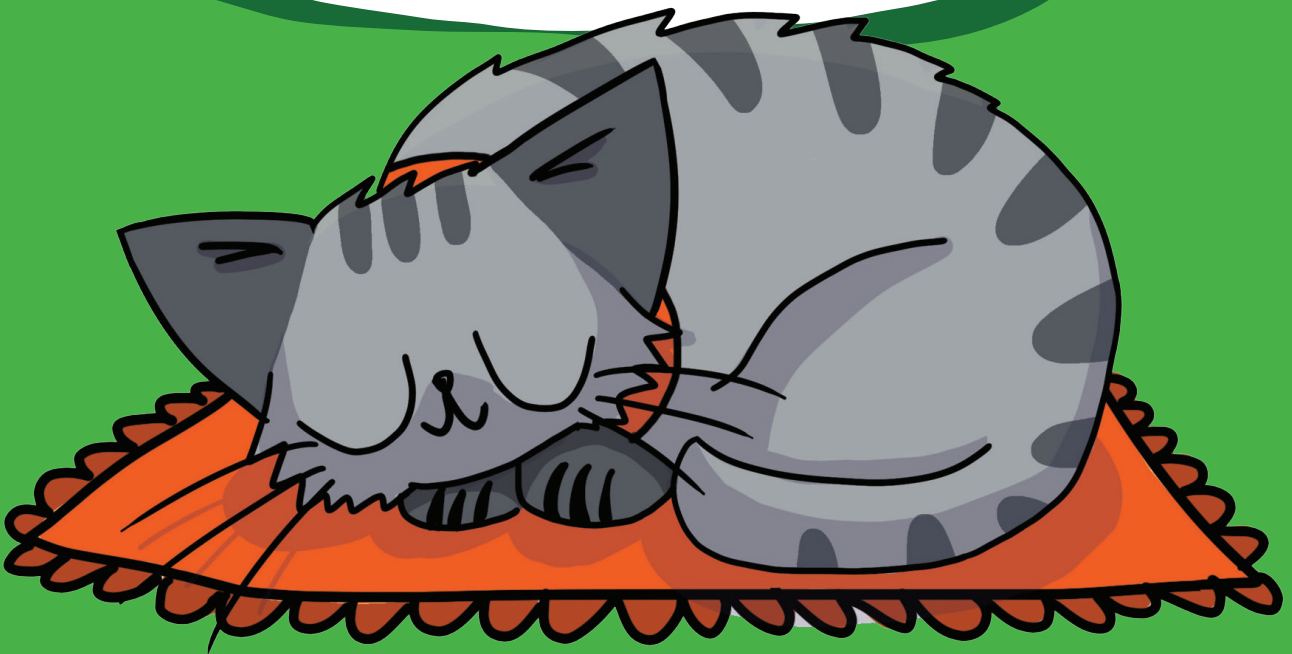




A kitten loves to jump and play,
and needs lots of care
so be sure the family you find for it,
knows all of this, so it can prepare.



Now that you have listened
well and learnt,
what it means to
Trap, Neuter and Return.
You can help spread the news
to change their world,
and watch a
better life for them unfold.



TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN (T.N.R.): The process involves live-trapping the cats, having them spayed or neutered, ear-nipped for identification and, if possible, vaccinated and treated for parasites, then releasing them back into their territory. **BETTER LIFE FOR THEM UNFOLDS:** Spaying or neutering will help to offer the cat a better and healthier life and put a stop to the overpopulation of cats by stopping kittens being born on the streets.

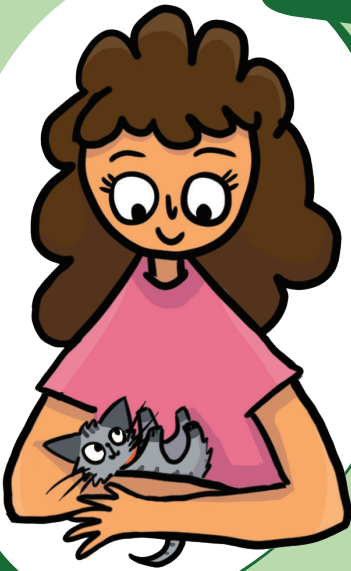
There is always
a way for you
to offer a helping hand.
You can offer your time,
donate food,
or simply take a stand.



Ask others for help
and spread the word,
Ask your parents,
teachers, and friends
As I am sure they all have
knowledge to impart,
This is such a great
way to start!



It's time to take the road back home,
as my loved ones eagerly await
I have missed them tenderly,
and do not want to be late.



When we meet again,
I would love to see and hear
How life for stray cats here
has improved from year to year!

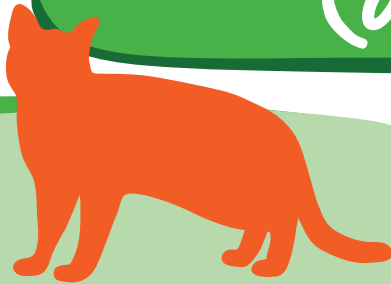
My name is **JERRY**, and I have
cherished our time together
I will keep you in my heart,
as my own special treasure!



Love, **JERRY**



Cat Facts



An unspayed female cat
can produce
2-3 litters a year

Pregnancy can occur
as young as
4 months old



Female cats give birth
to an average of
4+ kittens per litter

In
one
Year!!



If not spayed, each kitten can go on
to become pregnant, while **unneutered**
cats can impregnate other cats.

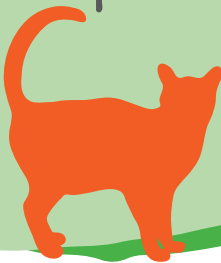


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One female cat and her offspring
can be responsible for
hundreds or thousands
of cats in their lifetime.



Unneutered male
cats can become
fertile as young as
4 months old
and will attempt
to impregnate
multiple cats.



Neutering calms behaviour
and can reduce health risks
and limit fighting
and roaming.

It is a **fast, safe**
and **inexpensive**
procedure compared to
feeding and caring for a
colony of cats.

Don't add to the problem
NEUTER YOUR CAT

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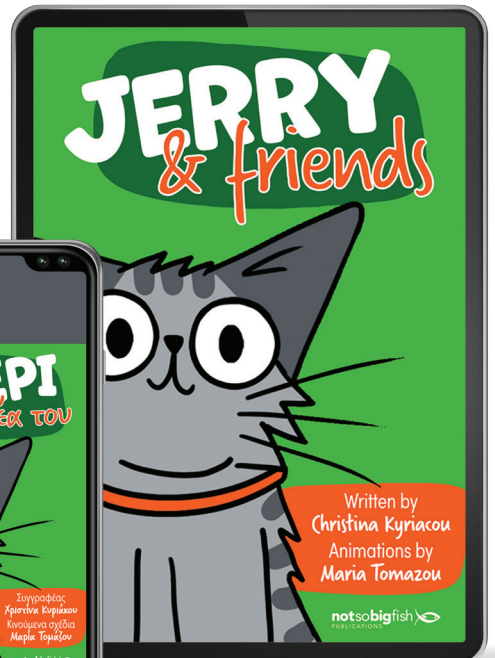
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