

URGENT!

HELP!

**SAVE THE
CAMPUS CATS!**



**THE UNIVERSITY HAS DECREED THAT
ALL FREE-LIVING CATS WILL BE REMOVED FROM CAMPUS
AND DESTROYED!**

The trapping program will start **this week** (from 4th February 2008)

WHY HAS THIS DECISION BEEN MADE?

A severe flea infestation occurred over the Christmas break in a university building, apparently arising from the bodies of dead cats found trapped in the basement. Several university staff required medical treatment for allergic reactions. Although this is justifiably regarded as a serious OH&S issue by university management, their response is excessive and indiscriminate.

FACTS ABOUT UNSW CAMPUS CATS:

- 70% of free-living cats on campus are de-sexed
- Most campus cats live in small well-established colonies, are fed daily by volunteers, are in good health and are free of disease
- The “Trap-Neuter-Return” (TNR) approach used by the Campus Cat Coalition is an evidence-based best practice model that has proven effective around the world for managing free-living cats:
 - To create a non-breeding campus population
 - To gradually reduce and stabilise cat numbers over time
 - To achieve a healthy cat population that is well-maintained and disease-free
- Eradication of cats from the campus can at best be a temporary measure in a highly urbanised setting such as the Kensington campus

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- **Visit our website** at www.campuscats.org.au for more information
- **Sign our on-line petition** at www.thepetitionsite.com/1/UNSW-Campus-cats
- **Protest to university management** about this excessive, indiscriminate and ineffective approach to managing free-living campus cats
- **Spread the word** – tell your friends, workmates and students about this callous decision
- **Keep your eyes open** and report any suspicious activity relating to the cats on campus to Security (ext 56666) and the Campus Cat Coalition
- **Contribute to our fighting fund** – find out how on our website:
http://campuscats.org.au/contents/support_ccc.htm

All life should be valued and treated with dignity and respect