

**REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
**with**  
**FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH**

***CATS & BIRDS COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT***

It is the mission of the Audubon and Friends Cats & Birds Committee to end predation by free-ranging cats on birds and other wildlife in public and private spaces, and to advocate for humane and responsible ownership of cats.

**Steps toward fulfilling the above mission may include:**

- 1- Recognizing that cats as pets have a long association with humans, and that responsible cat owners are to be commended and encouraged to continue caring for them in a way that benefits the cats, themselves, the public, and wildlife.
- 2- Supporting educational programs and materials that provide scientific information on the adverse effects of living outdoors on feral and un-owned cats, and that call on pet owners to keep cats indoors, in outdoor enclosures, or on a leash.
- 3- Offering printed brochures, articles and other informational materials at interpretive centers, pet stores, our monthly programs, and other suitable locations.
- 4- Supporting the passage and enforcement of local ordinances that would prohibit the feeding of feral or un-owned cats, or the release of feral or un-owned cats other than to a cattery or other area designed for their confinement and which prevents predation on wildlife.
- 5- Supporting the passage and enforcement of local ordinances that would prohibit the maintenance of “managed” (trap/neuter/release) free-ranging cat colonies or any other situation that allows cats to range freely.
- 6- Providing information to the public about the threat of cat-borne diseases to the health of humans and other animals.
- 7- Providing information online about responsible cat ownership resources and local spay/neuter and adoption programs which do not release cats to the outdoors.