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### ***To whom it may concern:***

#### ***Effective management of feral/homeless cats on your premises***

CatPals is a non-profit organisation caring for street cats in Pretoria and Centurion. Please note the following with regard to the effective management of the feral/homeless cats on your premises.

It is not wise to remove such cats. It has been found to be essential for any dwelling complex to maintain a colony of feral cats *to keep rats and mice as well as snakes in check and to keep foreign cats out*. The colony should be *effectively managed*, as follows:

- 1) ***Feeding***. The cats should be fed regularly. This ensures that they are *healthy enough to keep rodents, snakes and strange cats at bay*. These cats are doing a job ridding your premises of pests, and are therefore in fact working cats.
- 2) ***Sterilisation***. All the cats should be sterilised to prevent further expansion.

Removal should *only* be applied where cats are very ill or in a particularly bad condition, since it always entails euthanasia, and since new cats from the area will take the place of the cats that have been removed.

Regarding health concerns, please note the following:

- 1) Feral cats make an important contribution to the health of your premises, since they keep rodents in check.
  - 2) Humans cannot contract feline diseases.
  - 3) The National Council of SPCAs recommends that public institutions should maintain colonies of feral cats in the manner described above
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