Cat Deterrent Methods

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Every situation is different, so keep trying until you find the solution that works for you!

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- 1. Cats like to dig in areas where it is soft on their paws, so the idea is to make the area not attractive & ultimately prevent the cats from digging where they are not welcome. You can place poultry fencing or a landscape fabric throughout the garden, around the plants. The material can be held down with landscape staples. You can also turn plastic, clear car or office mats upside down in your garden, so the spikes stick up. Cats may try to use your flower garden as their litter box but their claws catch on the fencing or they're deterred by the plastic spikes.
- 2. Pushing chopsticks or landscape staples into the ground throughout the garden, so a cat can't get good traction on any soft ground (this also works well in smaller gardens or potted plants.)
- 3. Use a mulch or rocks that they won't want to walk on, like "stone mulch", lava rocks or bristly pine cones.
- 4. Some plants give off smells that cats dislike. One such plant, Coleus canina, goes by the common name, "scaredy cat plant." (Sold at J&J's & Jensen's or may be found online). It is also effective if you have trouble landscaping with dogs. Other plants often recommended for keeping cats away from yards are rue, lavender, which deer pests also dislike, and pennyroyal.
- 5. "Scram for Cats" is highly effective and can be purchased online, safe for gardens, kids, pets, cats etc 100% organic & one of the BEST deterrents!

 Blood meal can be purchased at nurseries and used in the garden soil, in flower beds and around perimeter of the yard.
- 6. Filling a two liter bottle with water $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way and setting on its side around perimeter of yard, near fence, by garden is also known to be successful at scaring the cats away.
- 7. Offensive smells can work, too, however they are temporary. Try sprinkling "stinky" substances around the problem area: including dried-blood fertilizer or a product called Shake Away. Other deterring smells include citrus, citronella*, garlic/onions, ammonia, vinegar in a spray bottle (spray on cement, fencing, not on plants) coffee grinds. Be aware of using pepper flakes as this can get on their paws, and then in their eyes. *(Can get citronella candles and put in sunny spot that sun heats up- emits citronella smell without lighting)
- 8. Use positive-reinforcement & plant a bed of catnip plants where you don't mind the cats. They'll be drawn to the catnip, instead of your flowerbed.
- 9. Odo-Eliminator is a concentrate you can mix with water in a spray bottle and can be used to neutralize the odors. Yard-Odo Killer hooks up to a hose for larger areas. naturvet.com
- 10. Motion sensor cat deterrents. (Available through Amazon.com)
 - Hoont™ Powerful Solar Battery Powered Ultrasonic Outdoor Animal & Pest Repeller
 - Hoont™ Powerful Electronic Outdoor/Indoor Animal & Pest Repeller
 - Orbit 62100 Yard Enforcer Motion Activated Sprinkler