Stray and Pet cats are socialized to people.
They may approach people, houses, porches, or cars.

- Will live alone, and not a part of a group
- Might walk and move like a house cat (tail up) and is friendly
- Answer to a human, “Meow”
- Will be out mostly during the day
- Will look dirty, no ear tip
- May approach toys or food placed near the cage
- May respond to household sounds (cat food cans or bags being opened)
- May growl and hiss to show anxiety

Feral Cats are not socialized to people.
They will not approach anyone and they will likely seek hiding places to avoid others.

- May belong to a colony
- May crawl, stay low to the ground, protect their body with their tail
- Won’t “talk” or respond, beg or purr
- More likely to be nocturnal, than out during the day
- Will probably have a clean, well-kept coat; will have an ear-tip (part of TNR*)
- Will ignore people and toys, even food if possible, won’t show interest in household sounds
- Will more likely lash out if threatened or cornered (including ears back and dilated eyes)
- Only about 10% of feral cats are neutered
  *If there is a litter, they are more likely to be feral cats

The Clifton Health Department is a contractual health agency serving the Township of Little Falls.
The cat population is over populated. Spaying or neutering community (both stray & feral) cats, using the Trap-Neuter-Release program, will help reduce the over-population.

What is Trap-Neuter-Release?

Trap-Neuter-Release is a program that is designed to reduce the number of community cats and improving the overall quality of life for cats, wildlife, and people.

Problem: The cats in the community are over-populated.

Solution: T-N-R, being a proven humane and effective way, to control the population growth.

How does TNR work?

- Humanely trapping cats
- Spaying or neutering them
- Vaccinating them against rabies
- Surgically removing the tip of their ear (to recognize they have been spayed/neutered)
- Returning cats to their homes

Resources:
*People For Animals, 973-282-0890 pfaonline.org

Sources and References:
www.alleycat.org
Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)
PetSmart, Infographic of TNR