

Letters to the editor

Reader's recycling efforts went for naught

Dear editor,
One of my New Year's resolutions is to recycle more. In fact, my plan is to have less garbage bags this year and lots of recycle bags.

I went to the store and bought the clear blue recycle bags, since my plan is to overfill the four Blue Boxes I already own.

After Christmas I carefully divided all the plastic from the kids' toys, the cardboard and the Christmas paper and separated it into their own blue recycle bags. Aluminum cans are in a Blue Box and cardboard fills up the others.

I was pretty pleased with myself when I saw the mountain of recycled items recently and the small pile of garbage bags beside it.

Now, the garbage bags are black and dark green and we piled all three of them neatly to one side. For the recycled items I dug a shelf into the snow for the boxes and blue bags to sit in—away from the regular garbage.

So why did our garbage collector take all the black bags, the green ones and even the blue ones? Clearly they were with the recycled items and they are blue. Plus, there is the added benefit of being able to see into them and notice the divided plastic, paper and cardboard.

What interests me most, perhaps, is that in the weeks leading up to this one, the garbage collector refused to take more than six bags yet since

there were five recycle bags and three regular garbage bags yet he took eight.

So, should I recycle next week or *It's 'impossible' to keep some cats inside...*

Dear editor,
I'm writing with the hopes of contributing to the on-going discussion in your paper about wandering cats.

It seems to me most people who are critical of wandering cats might not be aware that some cats are difficult to keep indoors, especially cats who have been rescued.

Too often cats and kittens are throw-away items to people, so they move and leave them behind, or drop them out of cars hoping someone else will care for them. These throw-aways too frequently are not fixed so they breed more and more cats. Sometimes these are the cats that cause 'trouble' in neighborhoods.

We have rescued four such cats. We've spent a huge amount of money to fix them, get them shots and feed them. It takes a great deal of time and patience to gain their trust enough to move them indoors. All of ours come inside, but the older boy has spent many years as a wandering Tom and just cannot stay indoors day and night.

He would die if he had to stay inside all the time, and we love him too much to kill him to please some people who don't like him.

If there ever is a bylaw to solve the

will the garbage collector still think the rainbow of garbage bags is for him?

Sebastien Daniell, Georgetown

wandering cat issue I think it's only fair to also consider compensating people like us who dig deep into our own pockets to help these homeless cats. And why not make it a priority to catch and fine those who abandon these innocent animals?

Patricia Pierce, Georgetown

...but reader has the final word on cat issue

Dear editor,
I noticed yet another letter on the issue of roaming cats. I know this is a 'small town' newspaper, and people write in on things that are bothering them, but I simply don't understand why everyone and their mother seems to have an opinion on this non-issue.

There are some serious things going on in our community—child poverty, hunger, and environmental degradation are among them. Why aren't we talking about these things? Why is it I must read 30-odd letters about roaming cats when there are people in this community who cannot afford to eat? When our farmland is being paved over bit by bit? When our—oh wait, I have to go. A cat just wandered into my yard.

Peter Scott, Georgetown

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