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<sigh> Sure there are barn and feral cats that do well, but it is abuse to do such a thing under normal circumstances. Obviously, some of these people had no choice in Louisiana - if it was their life or the animals or if they are forced to leave. I'm fairly certain that under the law normally you'd be charged with cruelty or abandonment. A few success stories do not make it okay.

Phyllis Nilsson wrote:

Everyone has their own way of raising animals and their own experiences with those animals. My sister is not wrong in what she saw and experienced, and neither am I in what I saw and experienced when living in the country. They survive so well that they have to be trapped before they overrun the place.

Eliyahu Roofff wrote:

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I think it is because of sanitary reasons in the transport as well as the centers. I saw a shot yesterday of a shelter for animals as well with crates, cages, etc. Not being an animal person, I wouldn't be able to understand putting my life at risk because they couldn't come with me. Animals are very good at taking care of themselves when they have to. My sister (who is definitely an animal person) says it is instinct.

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WADR, your sister is wrong. While domesticated animals still engage in many instinctual behaviors, hunting is a skill which must be taught during their early months. Instinct may tell them to look for prey, but they haven't the foggiest idea of where to find it, how to stalk it effectively, and what to do when they catch it. My cats wouldn't have the slightest idea of how to deal with anything bigger or faster than a spider. That's one of the problems with people who abandon animals out in the country. Residents of those areas frequently find them starving or dead from starvation and disease, right near where they were abandoned, still waiting for their owners to return for them.

Part of the problem is that domesticated cats and dogs never develop into a true adult state. They stop in a sort of perpetual adolescence, friendly and trusting, more interested in playing than hunting, and never prepared to go ferel.

Eliyahu