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### **Feral Cat Population Growth**

Estimated feral cat population of Pinellas County: 100,000 (Meow Now)

Cats can get pregnant as early as 4 months of age. They can produce 2 to 3 litters per year with an average of 4 kittens per litter. They don't have menopause so there is no age limit on their reproductive capability.

Assume 50% of the feral cats in Pinellas County are females. Assume only half of those will get pregnant in a year. That equals 25,000 pregnant feral cats each year.

Let's assume that each mother has only one kitten that survives. That equals 25,000 **new** feral cats every year.

#### The population could easily double every four years.

Note that these calculations use very conservative assumptions. It could actually be much worse.

If we add in the female kittens who could get pregnant in the same year they are born and use the same fertility projections, the number of new feral cats each year could be more than 30,000, calculated as follows:

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25,000 kittens. 50% female = 12,500.
Half of those get pregnant =6,250.
Each has one kitten survive=6,250 additional feral cats.
25,000 plus 6,250 = 31,250.
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### Adding in these cats, the population doubles every 3 and 1/4 years.

One last point: Each time the population doubles, it starts at the **new** base. The first doubling takes the population from 100,000 to 200,000. The next doubling takes the population from 200,000 to 400,000.



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