

Feral Cats are Taking Over the Ole Miss Campus



Gary - The Guyton Cat – Feral Cat

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OLE MISS - Students at the University of Mississippi might be unaware of the many feral cats that have quietly made themselves a part of the Ole Miss community, and among them, one feline stands out - Gary, the Guyton Cat.

Guyton Hall, the School of Education, has become Gary's unofficial home. He has earned a special place in the hearts of many students.

Elle D'Angelo, an Ole Miss student, admits, "I'm out here every weekend with Gary. I say I come to do work, but I'm just coming to see Gary."

D'Angelo is not alone in her affection for Gary as she is one of the many advocates who have embraced the feral cat population on campus. Natascha Tehen has created a program to help keep these campus cats safe and healthy.

"Gary is a part of the program called FURR, which stands for Feral University Rebel Rescuers. He is about one in thirty cats on campus, and they're a complete volunteer organization. They run off donations and they come and feed the cats every day and give them water, and sometimes they'll build little houses for them," D'Angelo said.

FURR is a volunteer-driven organization that thrives on the generosity of donations and volunteers who are able to foster cats. They provide daily care, food and water, and even shelter for these feline residents.

This organization also protects campus felines from being picked up by Oxford Animal Shelters or other cat rescuers.

For those interested in learning more about FURR or other feline organizations on campus, the Ole Miss website offers a dedicated tab with information about the program and how to get involved.

Next time you stroll by Guyton Hall, don't forget to say hello to Gary, the Guyton Cat. He's not just a charming feline; he's a symbol of the compassion and dedication of Ole Miss students who are making a difference in the lives of feral felines.