




THE WALL

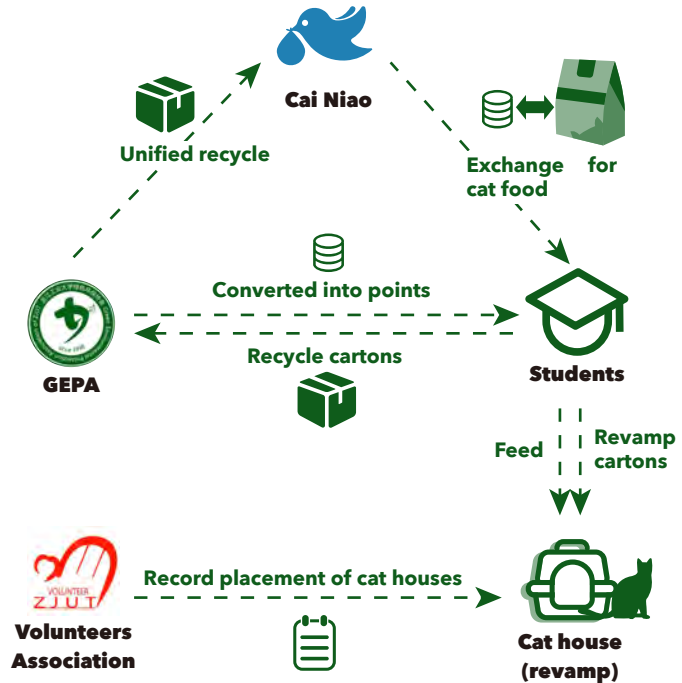
2017.11 - 2021.12

Wall/ Human/ Stray cats/ Interaction

INSPIRATION--"BOX" FUSION

Participants

-  **GEPA** Green Environmental Protection Association
-  **Cai Niao** courier company
-  **Volunteers Association** of ZJUT

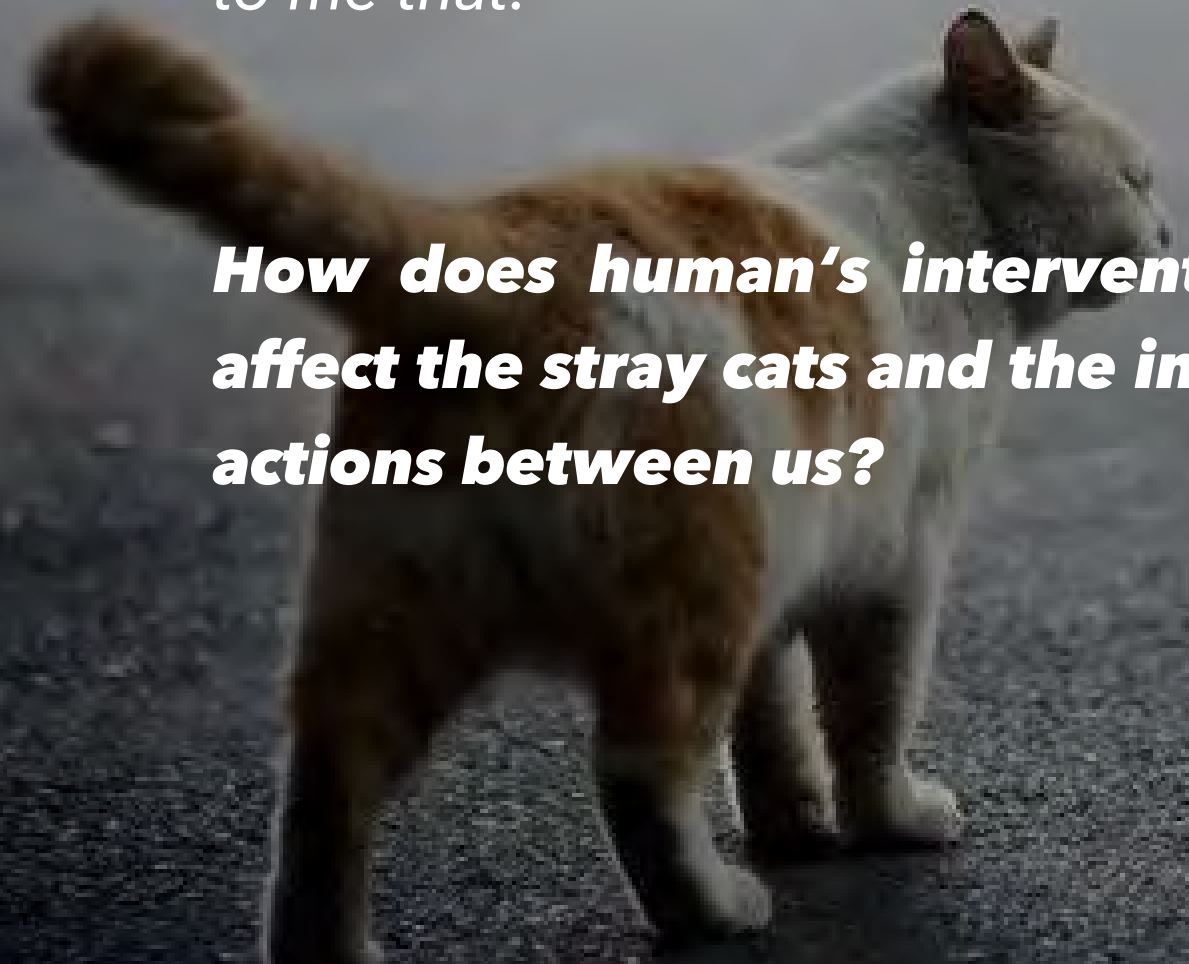


Conclusion

This activity was a great success with high student participation, and surprisingly it also got some attention on social media. Hopefully, we can turn it into a standing event.

BUT this event also arouse a question to me that:

How does human's intervention affect the stray cats and the interactions between us?

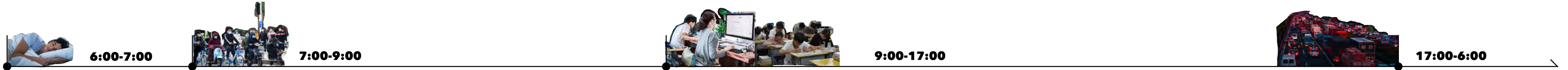


RESEARCH -- secret life of a stray cat

How is a day for a stray cats? How do human activities intervene their lives?

By setting up surveillance in a hideout to observe the behaviour of stray cats in the nearby area, I **found that stray cats interacted with the wall actively**. And here is a summary of my observations.

HUMAN



CATS

Wandering

Hide tracks with plants and walls, and keep distance from humans

began to appear inner side of the wall where human activity was more active, but when humans show up, they will use the wall to keep a safe distance from people by hiding behind the wall

Back to the outer of the wall, active in the dark



WALL - influences on cats

As a path



Separate space



Hide the track



WALL - influences on human

Affects the route



Cross



Divide the space



WALL - influences on the interaction between human and cats

cat on the wall, human under it

Cats can look down on humans, leaving a safe distance, and people can observe cats without scaring them away



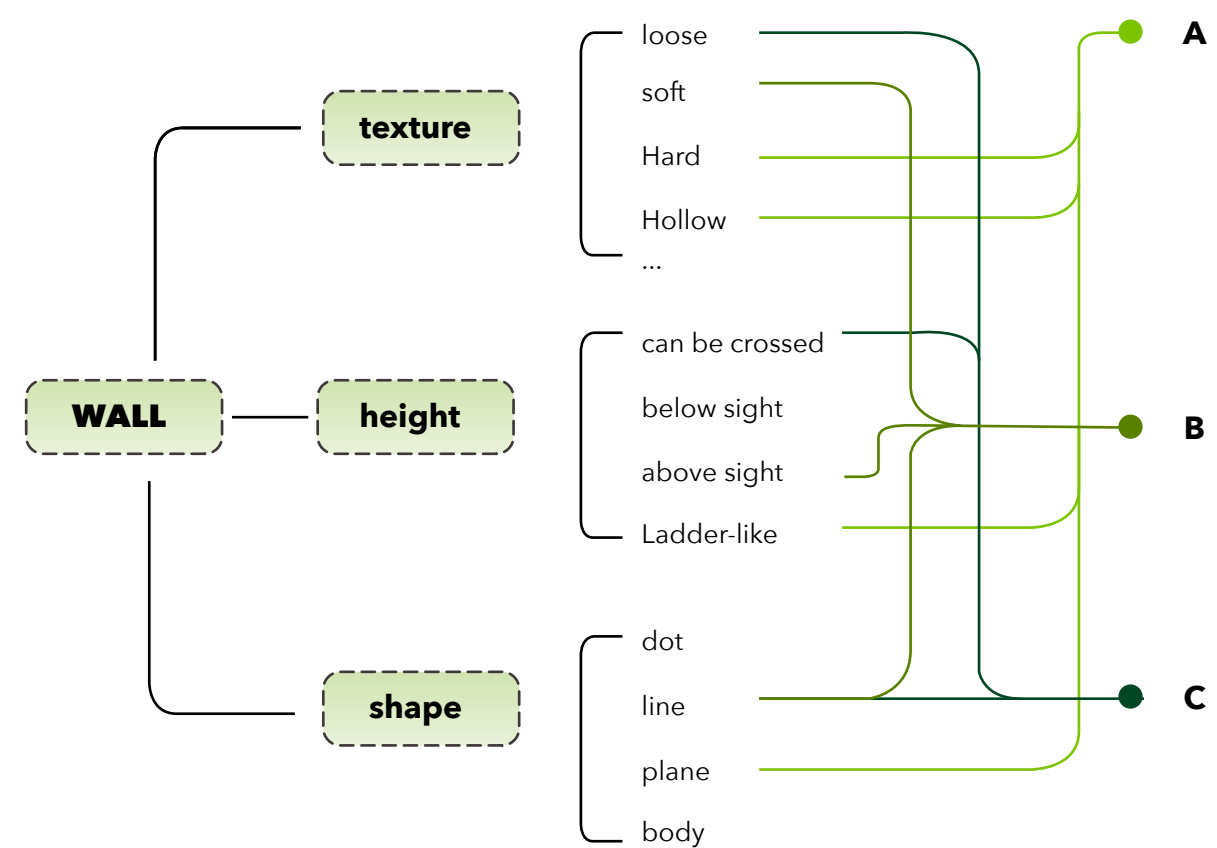
cat outer side of the wall, human inner side

Cats and people look across walls, clearly separated from each other's spaces, but seem to be able to cross at any time



IDEATION

How does a wall affect people and cats and their relationships In other ways?



OBSEVATION -- living scope of stray cats and human



Possible positions



- areas for human
- shared areas
- areas for cats

PRE-TEST

MADE OF BRICKS



set at 2021-11-10

CONCLUSION

Since the site is far away from the humans' area, they didn't be observed.

But I accidentally recorded this **interesting "confrontation"** between a human and cats.

TEST-A

MADE OF BRICKS



set at 2021-11-18 removed at 20201-12-1

CONCLUSION

for cats:

At present, most cats are already comfortable with its existence and use it as **a shelter, playground, and road.**

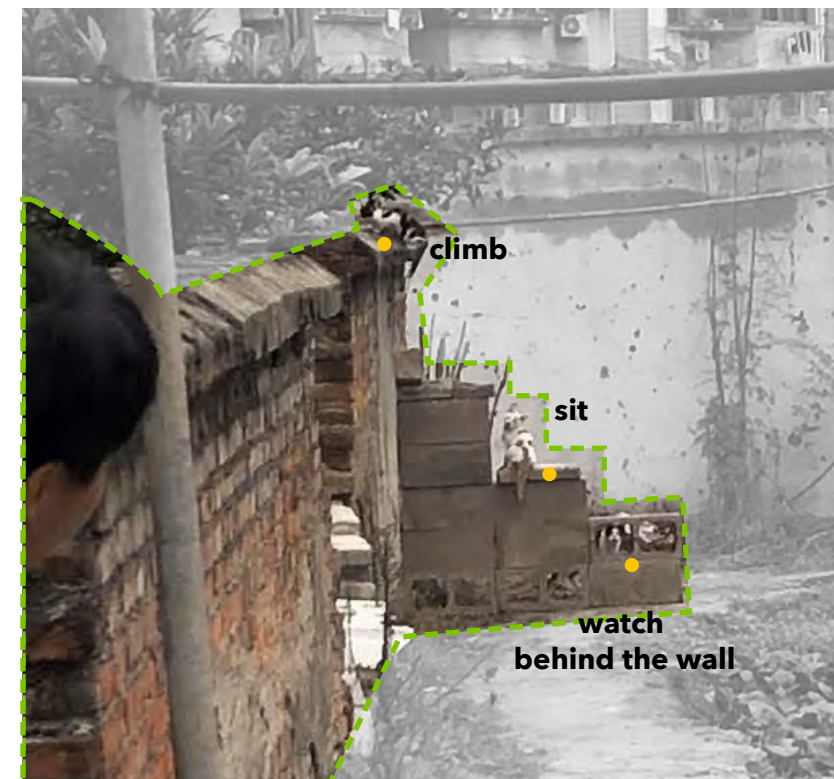
for humans:

People took it as **a tool** and tried to **reform** it with plants. And then they **removed it** to grow vegetables.

HUMANS



STRAY CATS



TEST-B

MADE OF CLOTH



set at 2021-11-18, removed at 2021-11-21

CONCLUSION

for cats:

They chose to **avoid** this unfamiliar items.

for humans:

They are curious at first; but they quickly **found this "wall" quite disturbing**, so they chose to **remove** it.

STRAY CATS



HUAMNS



TEST-C

MADE OF TREES



set at 2021-11-22

CONCLUSION

for cats:

Some cats start to **use it**, but cautious ones still choose to **stay on the side-lines**.

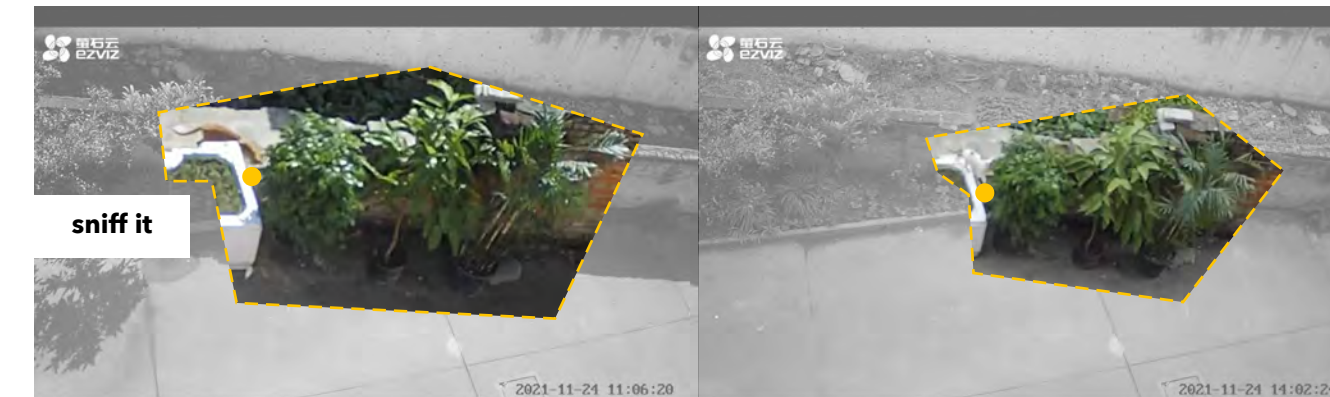
for humans:

Compared with the former one, people's attitude towards it is more gentle. They **take it as a part of the view**.

HUAMNS



STRAY CATS



REFLECTION

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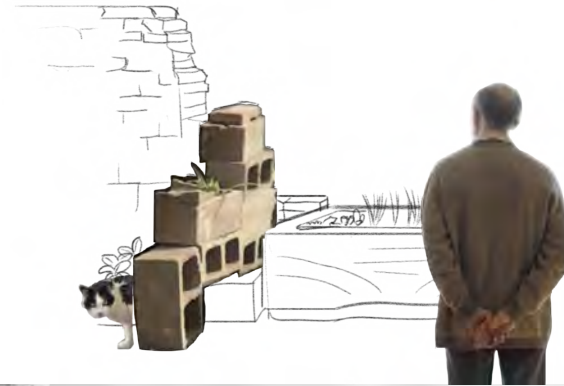
- a shelter
- a playground
- a road

use it

adapt to it

for the interaction:

- a buffer zone



for humans:

- a landscape
- a tool

use it

modify it

Why the wall turns into a buffer zone?

