

FRAIDY CATS NEED LOVE, TOO!

Have you noticed one or more cats wandering in your area? They may be lost, stray, or they may simply be pets with access to the outdoor world.

But they may also be “community” cats, who typically don’t have one specific owner. They may be friendly—after all, they’re often getting fed by multiple people in the neighborhood! On the other hand, community cats may be feral—afraid of people and too fearful to be handled. Feral cats typically run away when approached.

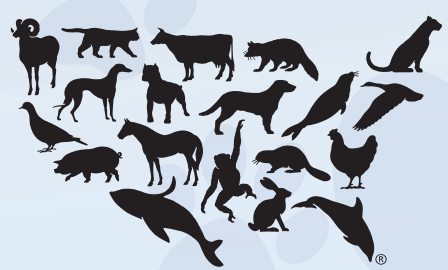


WHAT SHOULD YOU DO TO HELP THESE CATS?

If you notice that the cat is missing the tip of one ear, that’s a clue: Ear-tipping is the main way that veterinarians mark cats who have gone through trap-neuter-return (TNR). Through TNR, caretakers humanely trap community cats, spay or neuter them to prevent more litters, provide them with vaccinations and an ear-tip, then return the cats to their original territory. The caretakers provide food, water, and shelter for the cat colonies, and monitor their health.

You can help! If you see or have been feeding community cats in your neighborhood, contact a local TNR program. They’ll make sure the cats get the care they need, and will save your neighborhood from an overpopulation cat-astrophe.

Use this TNR locator map from The HSUS to find help in your area:
humanesociety.org/feralmap.



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