

## TNR RESOURCES

### PAWS Chicago

3516 W 26th St  
Chicago, IL 60623  
773-521-7729  
www.pawschicago.org

### Tree House Human Society

7225 N Western Ave  
Chicago, IL 60645  
773-262-4000  
www.treehouseanimals.org

### Whiskers & Tails Rescue Foundation

PO Box 221014  
Chicago, IL 60622  
312-883-2287  
www.whiskersandtailsfoundation.org

### The Anti-Cruelty Society

157 W Grand Ave  
Chicago, IL 60654  
312-644-8338  
snclinic@anticruelty.org

### Feral Feline Project

Lombard, IL  
847-800-0095  
www.feralfelineproject.org

### Triple R Pets

Western Springs, IL  
708-738-1438  
www.triplerpets.org

### Catvando

Maywood, IL  
708-829-6013  
www.catvando.org

## DID YOU KNOW ...

Cats brought into shelters are reclaimed by owners less than 3% of the time?

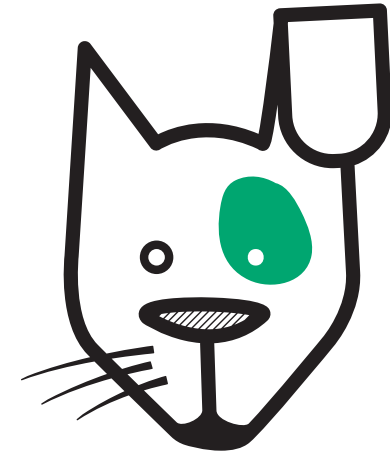
Stray cats are 13 times more likely to find their owner if left in place, rather than bringing them to the shelter.

**Bringing a healthy cat who is not in distress to a shelter is *not* always the best option.**

Community, or neighborhood, cats do not fare well in a shelter setting because they are used to roaming free outside. The shelter environment can become a stressful place for these cats causing them to become sick or fearful.

If you do not want cats in your yard, make sure there is no source of food, water, or shelter for the cat. Talk to your neighbors to see if anyone is feeding the cat. If there is a nuisance or safety/health issue concerning the cat, call your local non-emergency police. You can also call your local animal shelter for advice.

**Leaving outdoor cats alone can save their life!**



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708-848-8155

1011 Garfield Street  
Oak Park, IL 60304

animalcareleague.org



## I FOUND CATS OR KITTENS.



### Birth to 6 weeks

**Leave them alone!  
Mom will be back soon.**

If kittens appear sick or injured, contact local non-emergency police or nearest shelter.



### 6-12 weeks

**If kitten is friendly,  
find it a new home.**

If kitten is not friendly and appears healthy, leave it alone.

## NOW WHAT?



### 12 weeks to adult

**Leave them alone!**

Healthy cats and kittens can live outdoors independently. If you think they have an owner, take a photo and make a found report with your local shelter.



### Sick or injured

**If you can, take  
to a veterinarian.**

Otherwise, call your local animal shelter or non-emergency police for assistance.

## Tips for Helping Lost Cats Find Their Way Home

If you find a cat, more than likely it belongs to a neighbor! Focus your efforts locally.

### Social media

- Post on your own profile
- Join and post in local, neighborhood Facebook groups
- Join and post in Lost Cats of Illinois Facebook group

### Print found cat flyers

- Post in your neighborhood
- Place in neighbors' mailboxes

### Other useful websites

- Post on [pawboost.com](http://pawboost.com)
- Post on [lost.petcolove.org](http://lost.petcolove.org)

## Tips for Rehoming a Stray Kitten or Cat

### Rehoming resources

- Rehome by Adopt A Pet
- Reach out to friends and family who may want a new pet

## What are community/ neighborhood cats?

“Community cats” is a term used to describe outdoor, unowned, free-roaming cats, formerly called “feral cats.” They may or may not have a caretaker who provides trap-neuter-return services, regular feedings, and other care. Community cats with a dedicated caretaker can live contently outdoors.

## What is trap-neuter-return?

Trap-neuter-return (TNR) is the humane and effective approach for stray and feral cats. Cats are humanely trapped and taken to a veterinarian to be neutered and vaccinated. After recovery, the cats are returned to their home—their colony—outdoors. Kittens and cats who are friendly and socialized to people may be adopted into homes.

## References & More Resources

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