

# COMMUNITY CAT

**ALSO KNOWN AS:** Outdoor Cat, Stray Cat, Alley Cat, Feral Cat, Street Cat, Barn Cat, and Tomcat.

Outdoor community cats and pet cats are the same species—***Felis catus***—the domestic cat.

Studies show outdoor cats are as **healthy** as pet cats and can have the same life span.

**“Feral”** describes behavior—feral cats are wary of people and live on their own outdoors.



An **eartip** is the universal symbol to identify a neutered and vaccinated cat. The top  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch of the cat's left ear is removed during surgery.

Community cats are **not adoptable** because they are not socialized to humans.

**More than 40%** of Americans have cared for an outdoor cat.

Cats live **everywhere**.



Cats have lived outdoors alongside humans since **before the pyramids**.

Outdoor cats live in family groups called **colonies**.



Cats are **bonded** to their environments and colonies.

**More than 70%** of all cats who go to a shelter are killed there.

For community cats, that rises to **virtually 100%**.

**Removing community cats doesn't work.**

Catching and killing is ineffective, outdated, and cruel.



Trap-Neuter-Return (**TNR**) is the only humane, effective approach to care for community cats. Cats are **spayed or neutered, vaccinated**, and eartipped and then returned to their outdoor home.