An eartip is the universal symbol to identify a neutered and vaccinated cat. The top 3/8 inch of the cat’s left ear is removed during surgery.

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.

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

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

“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 Catching and killing is ineffective, outdated, and cruel.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.

Cats live everywhere.

Outdoor cats live in family groups called colonies.

Countless cats who go to shelters are killed there.

Cats have lived outdoors alongside humans since before the pyramids.

Cats are bonded to their environments and colonies.

For community cats, that rises to virtually 100%.

Learn more about community cats at alleycat.org/GetInformed.