

# Microchips & Community Cats



Microchips save the lives of community cats, who are stray or feral cats who live outdoors! All community cats should be microchipped, and all veterinary professionals and animal shelter staff should immediately scan community cats in their care for microchips.

## Microchipping and Scanning....

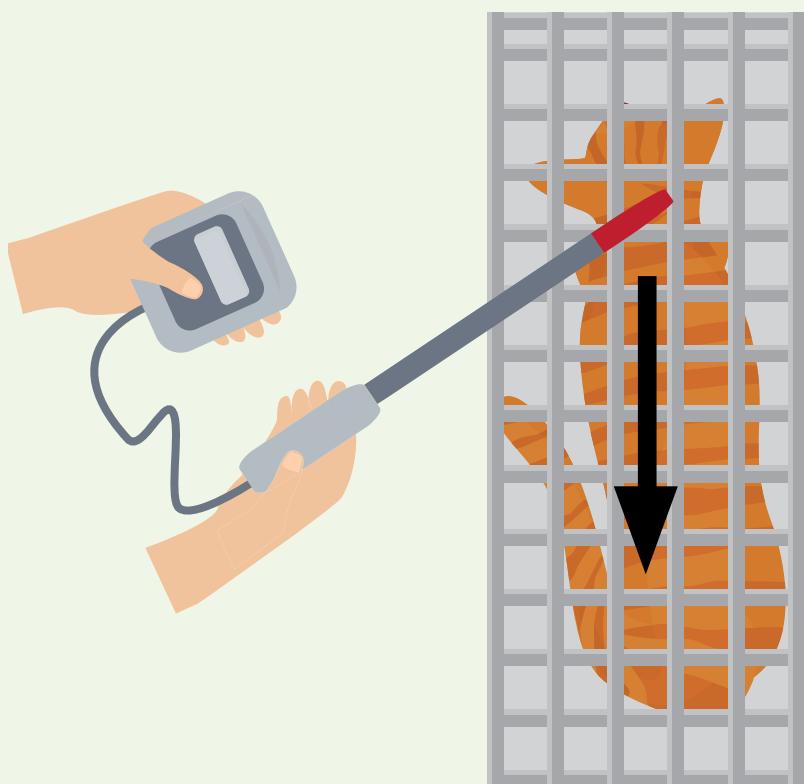
- Reunites community cats with their feline families outdoors if they're separated.
- Ensures community cats do not stay in shelters where they may be killed
- Provides a permanent ID tag so cats can be returned exactly where they were found outdoors.

## #ChippedandTipped

An eartip is a clear visual indicator that a cat has been part of a TNR program. A microchip can provide even more information about a cat and can help cats get the care they need.

## How It's Done:

Community cats aren't socialized to people and need special protocol.



- **Scan immediately.** Before doing anything, scan the cat for her microchip. Many eartipped cats are already microchipped!
- **Scan the cat while she's in her trap.** It's easy to use a wand scanner (be sure it's a universal scanner!) through the trap's grate.
- **Implant during Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR).** If cats aren't microchipped or spayed or neutered, microchip them while they're anesthetized for surgery.
- **Register the microchip.** Use the address of the cat's outdoor home or the contact information of the caregiver or TNR organization.