HELP, I FOUND A CAT OUTDOORS!

This chart will help you make the right decisions in the cat’s best interest. Keep in mind: not all cats outdoors need to be “rescued.”

IS THE CAT EARTIPPED?

- An eartip identifies a cat who has been spayed or neutered and vaccinated through a TNR program.
  - IS THE CAT FRIENDLY?
    - YES: FOSTER OR ADOPT
    - NO: NO ACTION NEEDED
  - CAN YOU TAKE IN THE CAT?
    - YES: TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR)
    - NO: CONSULT WITH VETERINARIAN

IS THE CAT ILL OR INJURED?

- DO NOT take the cat to an animal shelter or call animal control. Doing so may risk the cat’s life.
  - IS THE CAT EARTIPPED?
    - YES: IMPORTANT:
      - Take the cat to a veterinarian for a microchip scan. You may help reunite her with her family! Learn more at alleycat.org/MicrochipsSaveLives.
    - NO: NO ACTION NEEDED
  - IS THE CAT FRIENDLY?
    - YES: FOSTER OR ADOPT
    - NO: NO ACTION NEEDED

TIP:

- If you need help trapping, contact a local TNR or rescue group. A member of Alley Cat Allies’ Feral Friends Network® may be able to help. Find one near you at alleycat.org/FindFeralFriends.

IMPORTANT:

- Take the cat to a veterinarian for a microchip scan. You may help reunite her with her family! Learn more at alleycat.org/MicrochipsSaveLives.

An ill or injured cat may need veterinary attention right away. Before doing anything, consult a community cat-friendly veterinarian. Once the cat is well, you can start again from the top of the chart. alleycat.org/InjuredCat

This chart is just the quick version of what you need to know! Learn more about what to do when you find a cat outdoors at alleycat.org/FoundACat