

Community cats are cats that live outdoors in our community, whether they are feral or friendly, born into the wild or was a house pet at one time.

Participate in our Neighborhood Cats Program by trapping and transporting these cats to our shelters to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated or by providing shelter and leaving them alone.

With your help, we are able to reduce the population size of wandering community cats while making ethical decisions for our community members.

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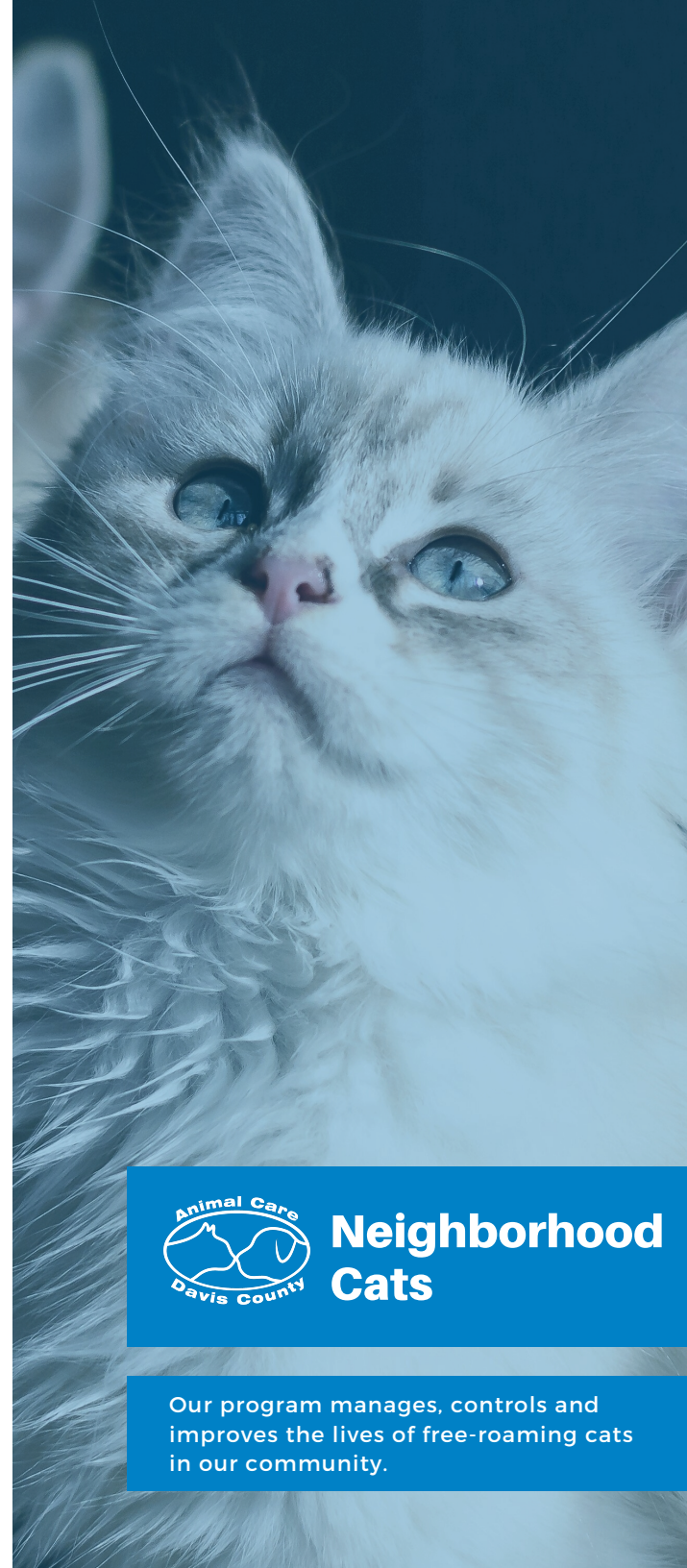
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Animal Care of Davis County is committed to providing great service to residents and compassionate care to animals, working tirelessly to support public safety, find homes for homeless animals and educate the community about responsible pet ownership.

Animal Shelters are not necessarily the best place to house cats for long periods of time, especially those who have been living outdoors.

For most healthy impounded stray cats, sterilizing, vaccinating, ear-tipping and returning them to where they are found is a better tactic.

The trap-neuter-return (TNR) program is based on the idea that if these community cats were doing well before entering the shelter, they will do well if they are returned, finding food and support from people in that neighborhood.



**Neighborhood
Cats**

Our program manages, controls and improves the lives of free-roaming cats in our community.

I FOUND A FREE-ROAMING CAT. NOW WHAT?

1) Look and see if the cat already has an ear tip.

Cats who have been through the TNR program will have an ear tip clipped. This is a universal symbol to identify sterilized free-roaming cats. It is painlessly performed surgically while the cat is sedated for spay or neuter.

2) The cat does have its ear-tip from the top of the left ear.

These cats have already been sterilized and rabies vaccinated. Leave the cat where you found it.

3) It doesn't have an ear-tip.

Bring the cat to our facility. This cat will be sedated, spayed or neutered, given a rabies vaccine and an ear-tip to help identify him/her as a sterilized cat. The cat's allowed to rest overnight to ensure full recovery from anesthesia. The finder will need to come pick up and return the cat to the trapping location.



FAQS

WHY RETURN CATS TO THE COMMUNITY?

Sometimes these Community Cats do not thrive and do well as a pet in a family's home. They may be feral or a stray and have been doing well out in the community and that is where they need to spend the rest of their days happy. Because they are sterilized, over time this Community Cat population will decrease.

WILL COMMUNITY CATS SUFFER IF WE RETURN THEM?

Under our Neighborhood Cats Program and the TNR Program, only cats that are deemed healthy by our vet are returned to their environment. If the cat's healthy, we know it has found a food source and shelter, just as other wild animals have.

IS IT UNSAFE FOR CATS TO LIVE OUTSIDE?

Studies have been done and found that roughly 83% of feral cats lived for over six years, comparable to the mean lifespan of 7.1 years for pet cats. Cat adapt and manage to survive year-round even with harsh winters. Most feral cats don't require intervention; however, community members can take steps to make these cats more comfortable and provide shelter.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I NO LONGER WANT COMMUNITY CATS AROUND MY HOUSE AND MY YARD?

Make sure you are using safe deterrents that will discourage the Community Cats coming onto your property. Stop feeding and giving water to the Community Cats. They will search elsewhere for this resource. Cover your trash. Scents like coffee grounds, vinegar or citrus is repulsive for most cats. Research natural and safe deterrents that you can use for your lawn and against Community Cats.