



**This is an
ear-tip**

It could save a cat's life!

The ear-tip signifies that the “community cat” has been spayed or neutered, has received a rabies vaccine, and is part of the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) movement. An ear-tip is intended for cats that live primarily outdoors. These community cats may not have an owner or home. Their “home” usually consists of a couple of safe places to protect themselves from the harsh elements and compassionate citizens that feed them.

These ear-tipped community cats should never be re-trapped and brought to a shelter unless they are sick. Instead, they should be left in the neighborhood to prevent other cats from moving in. Even if you don't like cats, these TNR ear-tipped, spayed/neutered cats play an important role in keeping the cat population under control.

An ear-tip is the removal of the distal 1/4 or tip of the cat's left ear. The tip removed is approximately 3/8 of an inch or 1 cm on an adult cat and proportionally smaller on a kitten. The procedure is performed under sterile conditions while the cat is under anesthesia. There is little or no bleeding and it is relatively painless.

An ear-tip has proven to be the safest and the most effective method to visually identify a community cat that has been spayed or neutered. It has become universally accepted and is recognized by international animal welfare organizations.



**IHA thanks you for choosing to
spay/neuter and ear-tip.**



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