

FOUND KITTENS? LEAVE THEM BE!



It is always best to keep kittens with their mom. Nursing moms prefer a secure, safe place to have their kittens. Nursing moms will move their litter if she feels her location is compromised.

This is normal behavior. She moves kittens one-by-one. If you come across kitten(s) outside, do not assume the mother has abandoned them. Moms also need to eat and will leave her litter to find food. Nursing moms burn lots of calories while feeding their kittens. The healthier mom is - the healthier the kittens.

WHAT TO DO

- Watch - Wait - Evaluate:
- Tip: Use flour and sprinkle around the kittens. Then leave. For up to 10 hours. You will see if mama is coming back to care for them by footprints. If the kittens are gone, mom moved them to safety.
- Kittens have a better chance at survival without our intervention.
- If mama does not come back in 10 hours, submit a request through: <http://maps.indy.gov/requestindy/> email info@indyneighborhoodcats.org
- Call 317-386-6916

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CAT?

A community cat is a free-roaming cat that has been fixed, ear tipped for identification and rabies vaccinated. They live outdoors and do not have a particular home or owner. Many community cats like people and are affectionate, while others may be afraid of people.



THE LEFT EAR TIP
is a sign the cat
has been fixed
and vaccinated

WHAT IS T-N-R?

The city of Indianapolis recognizes (TNR) Trap- Neuter- Return, as the most effective and humane method for controlling the free roaming cat population. Free roaming cats produce 80% of the kittens born each year. It is the greatest source of cat overpopulation. After cats are fixed, vaccinated and recover, they are returned to the location they were trapped. Most annoying behaviors, such as yowling, spraying and fighting decrease. The cats live out their lives and over time the colony diminishes through natural attrition.

HOW TO HELP STRAY CATS



HOW TO CARE FOR COMMUNITY CATS

GUIDELINES

Get the cats fixed. Free or low cost spay/neuter Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is available. Contact us for details.

Provide adequate food and water for the cats on a daily basis. Do not leave food out at night which will attract wildlife.

For cat food assistance

Fill out our request form:

www.indyneighborhoodcats.org/pet-food-pantry

Provide adequate winter shelter. Winter shelters are available at no cost if needed.

Seek assistance for any sick or injured cats call Indy Neighborhood Cats (317) 386-6916 or IACS at (317) 327-4622. After hours, weekends or holidays call (317) 327-3811 or www.indy.gov/requestindy

Help resolve neighbor concerns email info@indyneighborhoodcats.org

Report neglect, cruelty, poisoning or abandonment directed against any animal to the Mayor's Action Center (317)327-4622 or www.indy.gov/requestindy.

If you are you moving and /or can no longer continue to care for your colony, email info@indyneighborhoodcats.org

LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

With Community Cat Packages

Indy Humane Downtown Clinic
(317) 602-3423 ext 150
spayneuterhelp@indyhumane.org

FACE Low Cost Animal Clinic
(317) 638-3223 ext 113
communitycats@faceanimalclinic.org

Low-Cost Clinic- Noblesville
(317)706-0537
www.lowcostspayneuterindiana.org

Low-Cost Clinic- Brownsburg
(317)706-0537
www.lowcostspayneuterindiana.org

FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WITH CATS

We can help you get connected

Indy Neighborhood Cats
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WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A STRAY CAT

Feed - Put out food and fresh water every day.

Shelter - Provide shelter to keep cats safe from bad weather.

Fix - Free or low cost spay/neuter and TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) are available to get cats fixed and returned to their neighborhood outside or find an indoor home if friendly.

If they are friendly-

- Scan for a microchip. This can be done for free at any veterinarians office.
- **Fill out a report at** www.indylostepalart.com
- **Print the flyer** provided by Indy Lost Pet Alert and pass out to neighbors and share on social media.
- **If all else fails**, schedule an appointment to surrender the cat at Indy Humane call 317.872.5650 x0 or email IACSIntake@indy.gov for a date to surrender.

Ongoing Care - Make sure the cats are healthy. Seek help if they are injured or sick. Assistance is available to provide medical care. Contact us for details.