What should I do when
I FIND A STRAY CAT?

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1 IS THIS A KITTEN?

YES → **DON'T KITNAP KITTENS!**

Visit our Don't Kidnap Kittens page for more information.

NO ↓

2 IS THE CAT SICK OR INJURED?

YES → **IF IT HAS A COLLAR WITH CONTACT INFO:**

Call the owner.

IF IT HAS NO COLLAR:

Bring to your local municipal animal control. However, if the cat is not used to people, TNR may be appropriate after medical care has been provided.

NO ↓

3 IS THE CAT WEARING A COLLAR?

YES → **IT IS PROBABLY AN OWNED INDOOR/ OUTDOOR CAT**

Leave the cat where it is. Call the number on the tag if you are concerned that it may be lost.

NO ↓

4 DOES THE CAT ENJOY PETTING?

YES → **WOULD LOVE LIFE IN A HOME...AND MAY ALREADY HAVE ONE!**

Leave them where they are, or look for the owner if you are concerned they may be lost or abandoned. See this link for tips on how to do this.

NO → **CAT IS HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL WHERE THEY ARE NOW**

They are either owned and simply fearful of new people, or unsocialized and unlikely to have good welfare in a typical home. If you suspect the cat is unowned, consider contacting your local municipal animal control to pursue TNR and help to provide care as a community cat caretaker.

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