

COMMUNITY CAT

ALSO KNOWN AS: Outdoor Cat, Stray Cat, Alley Cat, Feral Cat, Street Cat, Barn Cat, and Tomcat.

Outdoor community cats and pet cats are the same species—*Felis catus*—the domestic cat.

Community cats are **not adoptable** because they are not socialized to humans.

Studies show outdoor cats are as **healthy** as pet cats and can have the same life span.

"**Feral**" describes behavior—feral cats are wary of people and live on their own outdoors.

--- An **ear tip** is the universal symbol to identify a neutered and vaccinated cat. The top ¼ inch of the cat's left ear is removed during surgery.

More than 40% of Americans have cared for an outdoor cat.

Cats live **everywhere**.



Cats have lived outdoors alongside humans since **before the pyramids**.

Outdoor cats live in family groups called **colonies**.



Cats are **bonded** to their environments and colonies.

More than **70%** of all cats who go to a shelter are killed there.

For community cats, that rises to **virtually 100%**.

Removing community cats doesn't work.

Catching and killing is ineffective, outdated, and cruel.



Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the only humane, effective approach to care for community cats. Cats are **spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and eartipped** and then returned to their outdoor home.

 Alley Cat Allies

Learn more about community cats at alleycat.org/GetInformed.

August 30 – Trapping event at Sunnyside Village
August 31 – Spay/Neuter, vaccination
Aug. 31 evening – Return, socialize for adoption, or relocate to area barns

The Harrison County Humane Society of Iowa will be conducting a TNR event in your area on August 30.

Please continue to feed and provide water to outdoor cats in your area through the morning on August 29. Remove food at noon on August 29, Tuesday.

On August 30 (Wednesday), we will set and monitor traps all day. On the morning of August 31 (Thursday), we will collect trapped cats, monitor for identifying characteristics that the animal is a pet (a collar or microchip will result in the immediate release of the pet) and transport them to Twin Valley Vet Clinic for spay/neuter, vaccinations, and parasite treatments. Cats will be returned the evening of August 31.

Please ensure that your personal pets are kept indoors the morning of August 30 (Wednesday) through the morning of August 31 (Thursday).

If you have any questions, please call Missouri Valley City Hall at 712-642-3502.

Julie, from Sunnyside, will be assisting, and can answer questions or get answers to your questions.