

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FIND A CAT OUTDOORS.



YES

Is the cat ill or injured?


NO

If the cat is sick or injured, call the Kent County Animal Shelter at 616.632.7300.

Is the cat friendly?

NO

Is the cat eartipped?



An eartip identifies a cat who has been spayed or neutered and vaccinated through a Trap, Neuter, Return program

YES

NO

- Take the cat to a veterinarian or shelter and scan for a microchip.
- Ask neighbors if they know the cat, put up flyers in neighborhood and at veterinary hospitals, check/post on PetcoLoveLost.org, Craigslist, and Pet message boards.
- If the cat comes and goes, it most likely belongs to someone. Try placing a light paper collar around its neck with your phone number on it to see if the owners contact you.
- If you do not want cats in your yard, make sure there is not a source of food or shelter for the cat. Visit the KCAS website for info on discouraging cats in your yard. Talk to neighbors to see if anyone is feeding the cat. Work with neighbors to do Trap, Neuter, Return to eliminate spraying, fighting, and unwanted kittens.
- If a neighbor is feeding nearby animals that are not spayed/neutered, or there is a health code issue, please contact animal control.

Contact your local shelter to ask about Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) services. This allows cats to be spayed/neutered, eartipped, and returned to their outdoor home where they are finding food and shelter.

YES

No need to take further action. This is a community cat, meaning the cat's home is outdoors.