



Don't let that cat pass you by.
Follow these easy steps to
make a difference in her life.

Our Promise

**We fight the big fights to end
suffering for all animals.**

Together with millions of supporters,
we take on puppy mills, factory farms,
trophy hunts, animal testing and
other cruel industries. With our affiliates,
we rescue and care for thousands
of animals every year through our
animal rescue team's work and other
hands-on animal care services.

We fight all forms of animal
cruelty to achieve the vision behind
our name: a humane society.
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CAN YOU HELP THIS CAT?

Help homeless cats



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LEFT: It's possible to help kittens, too. Once they reach two pounds, they're ready to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated—and to find new homes.

No ear-tip? You need to learn her story by talking to your neighbors. Try the old-fashioned way—knocking on doors or posting flyers—or the new-fashioned way—sending them a text or posting your flyer on Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor or Front Porch Forum. You want to know whether she's already somebody's pet kitty or if she lives outside and is being taken care of (most lost cats are found within five houses of the one they escaped from). If you discover she has a home or is being looked after, your job is done. That's good news.

But sometimes the cat you just spotted isn't being taken care of. She fends for herself and has started hanging around because she doesn't have any people... until you came along.

STEP TWO: TAKE HER TO THE VET.

Outdoor cats who aren't being cared for need a trip to the vet to keep them happy and healthy. They need vaccines and—most importantly—to be sterilized. If the cat you found won't walk into a carrier, the best way to get her to the veterinarian is by trapping her with a humane box trap. Here's how.

Like most good things in life, it starts with food, which you'll use to lure her into the trap. Feed her at the same time and place every day. While you get the kitty on a routine, borrow a humane cat trap and set up a veterinary appointment to get her spayed (or neutered, if she's really a he) and vaccinated. Your local animal shelter or cat rescue can usually help you locate a trap and a vet who works with stray and feral cats (we call them community cats).

The day before the vet appointment, set the trap with dinner inside. If all goes well, she'll show up for her meal and walk right in. Cover the trap with a towel or blanket, and keep her somewhere safe for the night.

At the vet appointment, the cat will receive vaccines and get spayed or neutered. Her ear will be (painlessly!) clipped to help identify that she's been sterilized. Within a day, she'll be back with you—healthier, happier and no longer contributing



to the cat overpopulation problem.

She might even end up curled up next to you on the couch in her forever home. After all, about a third of cats living in homes had been adopted as strays. And if she's not ready to live indoors, that's OK too. Now that she's vaccinated and sterilized, life outside is going to be much more comfortable.

STEP THREE: CELEBRATE!

You just saved a life and helped solve, in a small way, a national problem. Thank you.

→ **READY TO DO MORE?** Learn about trap-neuter-return and find groups in your area by visiting humanesociety.org/outdoor-cats.



CAN YOU HELP THESE KITTENS?

You just found a group of tiny newborn kittens and Mom is nowhere to be seen. Before that rescue instinct kicks in and you scoop them up, take a deep breath, step back and wait.

Mom is probably nearby, getting food or hiding from you. She's the best caretaker for these kittens, so give her a few hours to return. If she doesn't come back, or if the kittens are in an unsafe location or appear to be in distress, then you can put on your mom-cat hat.

First, make sure the kittens are warm (don't feed them when they're cold), then reach out to your local shelter or cat rescue group for help. No group nearby? Learn what to do at humanesociety.org/outdoor-cats.