

KEEPING ADULT CATS OUT OF THE SHELTER

Did you know that the average found pet in Austin is picked up just 0.2 miles from home?

And that the national reclaim rate for cats in shelters is just 2%? By keeping an adult cat in the community where they were found, you are greatly increasing their chance of getting back home to their family.



SHELTER-NEUTER-RETURN

Austin Animal Center does not accept healthy found cats into our adoption program, regardless of friendliness. Our Shelter-Neuter-Return (SNR) program ensures that healthy found cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, ear tipped and then returned to the exact location they were found. This increases the likelihood of the cat going back home and saves space in the shelter for owner surrendered, sick, and injured cats.

To use this program, bring the found cat to the Pet Resource Center at Austin Animal Center (AAC) any time Monday through Friday between 11 am and 7 pm or Saturday and Sunday between 11 am and 5 pm.

FOUND REPORT

If you'd prefer that the cat not go through the SNR program, you can hang on to the cat and look for their family by filing a Found report. All the cat needs is a safe place like a bathroom or garage and basic supplies like a litterbox and food. The Pet Resource Center has a limited supply of donated items so stop in and see if we have things like litterboxes, food, bowls, toys, etc!

1. Take the cat to a vet clinic or Austin Animal Center to be scanned for a microchip.
2. File a Found Report through 311 (by phone or through AAC's website). This will be listed on AAC's website for 14 days.
3. Post the pet as found on sites like Nextdoor, Craigslist and Austin Lost and Found Pets.
4. Hang flyers in the area where you found the cat.

REHOMING

14 days after you file the Found Report, you can look for a new home for the cat. Use Nextdoor, Facebook, and ask friends and family to help network the cat. You can also post on the website rehome.adoptapet.com.

COMMUNITY CATS & TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN

If you need assistance trapping a cat for spay/neuter, Austin Animal Center's Community Cats program has volunteers to help! The cat will then be fixed, vaccinated, ear tipped, and returned to their community. There are also limited medical vouchers available through this program if you find a sick or injured cat. Email communitycats@austintexas.gov for more information.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Low cost spay/neuter & vaccinations

- Emancipet - emancipet.org/
- Texas Humane Heroes - humaneheroes.org/clinic_services/

Free microchip

- Austin Animal Center

