



Cheddar's Tidbits

Little Tips from a Big-Hearted Cat!

Hi, I'm Cheddar!

I'm the official mascot of Backyard Cat Heros Rescue & TNR. While I'm not out trapping cats myself (I prefer supervising from a sunny windowsill), I've learned a thing or two about helping community cats. Here are some of my favorite tips!

1 What is TNR? Trap • Neuter • Return

TNR is the most humane and effective way to reduce the outdoor cat population.



Cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, ear tipped, and then returned to the area they already call home. This prevents thousands of unwanted kittens while allowing healthy cats to continue living safely.

2 Why do some cats have a tipped ear?

A small tip removed from the ear isn't an injury.



It's an internationally recognized symbol that tells rescuers the cat has already been:

- ✓ Spayed or neutered
- ✓ Vaccinated
- ✓ Part of a managed colony

That little ear tip saves cats from unnecessary stress and surgery.

3 Not every outdoor cat needs to be rescued.

Many community cats have lived outdoors their entire lives and are perfectly happy there.



Friendly cats and kittens often benefit from adoption.



Unsocialized adult cats usually do best through TNR and returning to the only home they've ever known.



4 Kittens need special help.

Very young kittens often have the best chance of becoming wonderful family pets.

When rescued early, they can be socialized, receive veterinary care, and eventually find loving forever homes.



5 Food is important... but so is responsibility.

Feeding community cats is kind—but unmanaged feeding without TNR simply creates larger colonies over time.

Responsible caregivers always pair feeding with:

- ✓ TNR
- ✓ Clean feeding stations
- ✓ Fresh water
- ✓ Colony monitoring
- ✓ Medical care whenever possible



6 Vaccinations save lives.

Every cat we can vaccinate receives protection against serious diseases that threaten both outdoor and indoor cats.

Healthy colonies are safer for everyone.



7 Every backyard can make a difference.

You don't have to rescue dozens of cats.

Sometimes helping just one cat changes everything.

One spay surgery can prevent hundreds of kittens over the next several years.

Ways you can help



Donate



Volunteer



Foster kittens



Report friendly strays



Share our rescue on social media



Sponsor a spay or neuter



Educate your neighbors

Thank you for being part of the Backyard Cat Heros family!

Cheddar's Final Thought

"One kind person may only have two hands... but together, we can help every paw that crosses our path."

Together, we can change lives.

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