

Nola the artist wants you to add your own community cats to the book! Practice drawing community cats in the box below.



Cats that you see in the bush or roaming the streets are not wild animals. They may be abandoned, stray, or feral cats.

- *Abandoned cats* are left behind by the family they love.
- *Stray cats* had a home but are lost.
- *Feral cats* have lived so long outside that they've become scared of humans. All these cats are *community cats*. They need us to keep them happy and healthy!

Please stay safe! Kids, if you see an animal in need, tell your parents. Together you can make sure the animal gets help.

This book is dedicated to all the superheroes who take action to help community cats. We are deeply grateful to Sue Birch and The Community Cat Movement for inspiring us with their colouring book "Tails of TNR"! Big thanks also to Nola for her creativity and charming drawings and to Darlene and the rest of the editorial team for helping make this book even more special.



















Community Cat Word Search

Read carefully! All the underlined words can be found in the word search below!

The best way we can help <u>community</u> <u>cats</u> is called "<u>TNR</u>".

T is for "Trap" – We use special cage <u>traps</u> to carefully catch the cats.

N is for "Neuter" – We take the cats to the <u>veterinarian</u>. Female cats are <u>spayed</u> and male cats are <u>neutered</u> so they can't make more kittens. They are <u>vaccinated</u> and "<u>ear-tipped</u>" (tip of the left ear is clipped) while the cats are asleep during surgery. Then everyone can see which cats have been to the vet.

R is for "Return" – We <u>return</u> the cats to where we caught them. We give them <u>food</u> and <u>water</u> daily, provide <u>shelter</u> from the weather, and watch for cats who need to see the vet.

Ideally every cat should have a warm and loving indoor home. But community cats can be <u>happy</u>, <u>healthy</u> and <u>safe</u> when someone like you cares for them.





It's Cool to Be Kind!

Write or draw about your kindness to others.

I am kind when I...



Here are five promises to all the animals in your life including the community cats in your neighbourhood! Keep these promises, and keep the animals happy, healthy and safe.

Five Promises To the Animals In My Life

I PROMISE to give you fresh water and good food every day

so you are never thirsty or hungry.

I PROMISE to give you a safe space

so you are comfortable and have a place to rest.

I PROMISE to take care of your health

so you are not sick or in pain.

I PROMISE to let you do the things that make you happy so you are not lonely or bored.

I PROMISE to protect and look after you

so you are never sad, scared or hurting.

Sign your name here

Colour this community cat bookmark and cut along the dotted line. It is "purrfect" for marking your place in this or any other book!







Love, Love, Love All Cats

To the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Love, love, love all cats Love them every day. Abandoned cats and feral cats The house cats and the strays

Love, love, love all cats Love them every day. Give them food, and water too Then let them run and play

Love, love, love all cats Love them every day. Don't forget to see the vet For a neuter or a spay

Love, love, love all cats Love them every day. A cozy bed to lay their head Will keep the cold away

Love, love, love all cats Love them every day. Even that community cat Will love YOU every day





Visit us at <u>www.facebook.com/lakesanimalfriendship</u> or <u>www.lakesanimalfriendship.ca</u>. You can also buy our delightful children's book "Nobody's Cats", which is based on the true story of children who helped community cats in the Lakes District of British Columbia. All proceeds support our programs to help northern cats and dogs.



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