

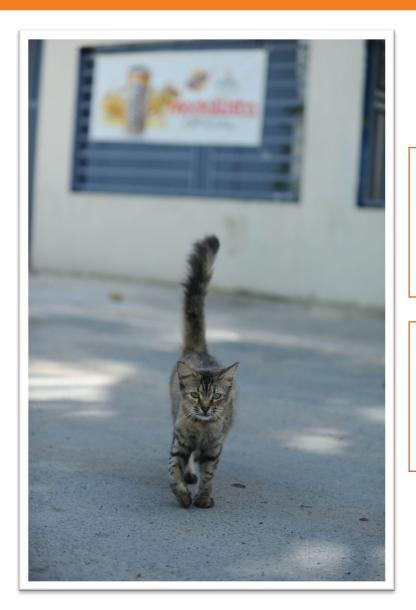
Not All Who Wander Are Lost



Among cat owners, 31% allowed their cats to spend some time outdoors.¹



How Are Lost Cats Different?



Only 2.6% of impounded cats are found by their owners at a shelter, **even though** 57% contacted animal control agencies for help. 2,3

Cats are **13 times** more likely to be found through non-shelter means.

Among found cats, 66% returned home **on their own**.4 Among found cats, 83% were found outside within a median distance of **50 meters**.5

Large Scale Program Study

One 2019 peer-reviewed study, published in *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*, reported the results of large-scale TNVR programs operating at 6 municipal shelters across the country (a total of nearly 60,000 cats) where it found that just 0.5% of these cats were euthanized for serious health concerns and 0.3% were relocated because they could not be safely retuned to their original locations. Between the two of those that's less than 1% of the cats coming in over 6 years meaning that the overwhelming majority of cats do not need shelter services aside from sterilization and vaccination. 6

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