

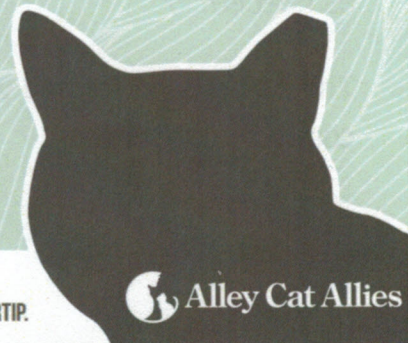


AN EARTIP IDENTIFIES A CAT

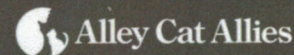
WHO IS NEUTERED & VACCINATED.



IN SOME AREAS OF THE COUNTRY THEY EARTIP THE RIGHT EAR OR "NOTCH" THE EAR.



WHEN A CAT IS UNDER ANESTHESIA TO BE NEUTERED, THE TIP OF THE LEFT EAR IS PAINLESSLY REMOVED—ABOUT 1 CENTIMETER. AN EARTIP IS THE UNIVERSAL SYMBOL THAT A CAT IS NEUTERED AND VACCINATED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.ALLEYCAT.ORG/EARTIP.



Regionally, the cat's **LEFT** ear is eartipped (not notched)



Reasons to Eartip a Free-Roaming Cat

- **Why Is It Important?** Eartipping is a widely accepted means of marking a community cat who has been spayed or neutered. It also often identifies them as being part of a colony with a caretaker. Eartipping prevents an already-spayed or neutered cat the stress of re-trapping and an unnecessary surgery. (<https://www.asPCA.org/animal-homelessness/shelter-intake-and-surrender/closer-look-community-cats>)
- When a free-roaming cat is eartipped, they receive a complimentary rabies vaccine and flea treatment, as needed.
- The eartip is performed while the cat is under anesthesia, and pain medication is given for comfort post-surgery.