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# El Paso Animal Services Continues Community Cat Program Efforts

## Program Opens Appointment System to Efficiently Manage Cat Intake at Shelter

**El Paso, Texas**—Beginning Sunday, July 23, 2023, El Paso Animal Services will be shifting to an appointment-based system for Community Cat intake.

This is in an effort to increase customer service for visitors and serve the incoming cat population more efficiently. Appointments for cat drop-off can be made online, or by emailing [CommunityCats@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:CommunityCats@elpasotexas.gov).

Cats must be at least two months old, cannot be a nursing mom cat with kittens, and all cats must be brought in a trap or cat carrier.

### **MORE ON THE COMMUNITY CAT PROGRAM**

The Community Cat Program began in 2016 as part of the Shelter Reform Plan, and is a humane, non-lethal, approach to long-term free-roaming cat population control for friendly or feral cats who once would have been otherwise euthanized.

This program is free to the public, and practices TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) efforts, where neighborhood cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, have their ear tipped symbolizing they've been through the program, then returned to the community they came from.

This year alone, El Paso Animal Services has had 1,413 cats go through the Community Cat Program and since the program began in 2016, 26,916 cats have gone through the program.

“TNR makes cats healthier, and it ends behaviors commonly associated with mating, such as yowling and roaming, so that people and cats coexist peacefully,” said El Paso Animal Services Director, Terry Kebschull. “By participating in this program, you are helping to decrease the number of free roaming cats in your area and also saving cats’ lives.”

If you notice you have unaltered/unvaccinated Community Cats in your area, or if you continue to see litters of kittens in your area, we encourage you to participate in our lifesaving Community Cat Program! For more information on the program, and to schedule an appointment, visit [www.EIPasoAnimalServices.org/community-cats](http://www.EIPasoAnimalServices.org/community-cats).

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