

WHY DO WE EAR TIP CATS?

- Ear tipping identifies free-roaming cats that have been sterilized.
- Ear tipping is completely safe. It is performed under general anesthetic, and all tipped ears are cauterized to minimize bleeding and pain.
- Ear tipping provides immediate visual identification, which alerts animal control that a cat is part of a managed colony. It also helps colony caretakers track which cats have been trapped and altered, and identify newcomers who have not.

Once a cat is trapped, the caretaker should look for an ear tip. If the cat has an ear tip, it should be released immediately.



The grant money dedicated to pay for Ear Tip surgeries is intended for at-risk cats.

Misuse of this funding can jeopardize the entire program.

CATS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE (but not required) to receive an EAR TIP:
feral, free-roaming, unowned, stray or strictly outdoor barn cats

CATS THAT ARE NOT ELIBIBLE for an EAR TIP:
strictly indoor cats, cats that spend all/most nights indoors