IS THIS CAT OWNED?

FOUND A HEALTHY STRAY CAT?

- Around 35% of owners let their cats roam freely without visual identification, like a collar or nametag
- If a small portion of the cat's left ear has been surgically removed, that's called an 'eartip'. An eartip is a universal sign that this community cat has already been spayed or neutered!
- Many outdoor cats may not have an 'owner' but do have a someone who feeds them and looks out for them who doesn't let them inside. Use this paper collar template to check!

DIRECTIONS

1. Print this template & provide any contact info you wish to share

2. Using a small piece of tape, connect the *ends* of the paper only

3. Don't cover the collar in tape! This collar needs to be able to break off for the cat's safety if it gets caught

4. Give slack when placing around the neck– make sure there's at least 2 fingers of space beneath it

5. Repeat if needed

This cat has been visiting me and I would like to know if s/he has family before trying to help. If this is your cat please write your contact info or contact me here:

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU DON'T GET A RESPONSE

- 1. If you can get the cat in a carrier have the cat scanned for a microchip– local vets can scan a microchip for free
- 2. Ask your neighbors if they know anything about this cat. Post signs and post on websites like Nextdoor, Craigslist, and Austin Lost and Found Pets Facebook page
- 3. Contact the Austin Animal Center. We'll scan for a microchip and try to find an owner. We may also be able to offer free spay/neuter, vaccines, and parasite treatment! Email pet.resources@austintexas.gov for more info

