I found a cat in Flathead County

Local Animal Care Organizations

Flathead County Animal Shelter 752-1310 http://flathead.mt.gov/animal
Flathead Spay & Neuter Task Force 881-4500 http://flatheadspayneuter.org/
Humane Society of NW Montana 752-7297 http://humanesocietypets.com/
Kitty Mom's Rescue 752-4460 http://kittymomsrescue.com/

Now what???

Is cat healthy?

- **No** → **If cat is sick or injured, take it to the nearest veterinary clinic**
- **Yes** → If they are kittens that cannot eat on their own, and it is **certain** that there is no mother, call one of the above organizations. **Do not handle or move them prior to calling.**

How long have you seen this cat?

- **A short time: Cat could have been recently acquired by a neighbor, or could be an indoor cat accidentally outside. Please do not approach or attemtpt to feed this cat.** → **If you are not feeding this cat**
- **A long time:** This is a "neighborhood cat" → **STOP** feeding this cat, or it may not return to its home → Veterinarians or the Animal Shelter can scan for a microchip I.D.; call Animal Shelter to cross-check their "lost list"; distribute flyers around your neighborhood; check/post on lostpetflathead.com or other social media sites; try rehoming; or call one of the above organizations for other options
- **A long time: this is a "neighborhood cat"** → **If you are NOT feeding this cat**
  - **If you ARE feeding this cat** → **Have cat altered at Spay/Neuter Task Force or vet clinic, and arrange to have it vaccinated. Thank you!**

A stray cat who is healthy and friendly likely belongs to someone in your neighborhood **even if you've never seen it before**. Cats have a far better chance of reuniting with their owner when they're left in the area in which they're found. Do not provide food as this will decrease the cat's desire to return home. Less than five percent of stray cats that are brought into shelters are reclaimed by their owners. **For this reason, we encourage you to leave healthy and friendly cats where you found them.**

Please remember: difficult-to handle cats may require prior approval by some organizations. Always call ahead before transporting such cats to avoid being turned away at the door.