



More than one way to **SAVE a cat**



Nearly every community across Canada is faced with a growing population of stray, abandoned and feral cats. Less than half of the cats admitted to animal shelters are adopted. The rest are euthanized.

The good news is that every Canadian can take action to save cats' lives. To re-phrase an old, anti-feline saying, **there is more than one way to SAVE a cat**. Here are six:

 **Adopt a cat** from an animal shelter or animal rescue group. Remember: kittens are cute, but adult cats are the ones whose lives are most at risk.

 **Foster.** Give a temporary home to a cat in need by volunteering to foster cats or kittens for your local humane society, SPCA or cat rescue group. By fostering, you save two lives: the cat you foster (who might not have survived in the stressful shelter environment), and the cat who benefits from an extra space freed up in the shelter.

 **Spay or neuter your cat.** Help cut off cat overpopulation at the source. If your cat isn't spayed or neutered, ask yourself: can you guarantee that each and every kitten your cat might produce in his or her lifetime will end up in a secure, permanent home?

 **I.D. your cat.** Even indoor cats can escape and end up lost. By giving your cat permanent identification, like a microchip and a tag with your address and contact information on it, you dramatically decrease the risk that she could become lost and never be found.

 **Donate** money, supplies or your volunteer time to a humane society, SPCA, cat rescue groups or directly to Humane Canada for our work to optimize shelter operations for cats. Your contribution will help us improve outcomes for cats across Canada.



 **Advocate for cats** by writing letters to your local government representatives. Ask them to pass by-laws that encourage or require residents to register, I.D. and spay or neuter their cats. Local governments can also prohibit residents from letting cats roam outdoors, which keeps cats (and birds) much safer.