

**Is the kitten injured  
or sick??**

**Yes**

**No**

**Orphaned Kitten Physical Exam**

**Is the kitten injured or sick??**

**Yes**

**Take the kitten to an  
animal shelter or  
animal hospital for  
immediate care.**

**Is the kitten injured or sick??**

**No**

**How old is the kitten?  
Click HERE for help.**

**Under 8  
Weeks**

**Over 8  
Weeks**

**Over 3  
Months**

**How old is the kitten?**  
**Click HERE for help.**

**Under 8  
Weeks**

**Do you see the mom?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Tip**

# **Do you see the mom?**

# **Yes**

## **Leave the kittens alone.**

**Make a plan to trap the mom when you notice the babies are all eating out of the food dish. Reach out to [cats@ahope4src.com](mailto:cats@ahope4src.com) for help trapping. Kittens can be taken in and fostered for social skills at this time, then you can get them fixed and vaccinated so they'll be all set in their new home!**

## **Tip**

**Do you see the mom?**

**No**

**Is the kitten dirty, or crying?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Orphaned Kitten Physical Exam**

# Is the kitten dirty, or crying?

## No

**Leave the kittens alone. Even if you don't see her, the mother is probably nearby and caring for them. Cats can be gone for hours and kittens instinctually remain silent to not attract predators. If the kittens are in a dangerous area, gently move them, with their nesting material/area to a safe spot, not too far from where you found them.**

**Mom will be back!**

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## Tip

**Is the kitten dirty, or crying?**

**Yes**

**Are you willing to foster until adoption?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Tip**



**How old is the kitten?**  
**Click HERE for help.**

**Over 8 Weeks  
(under 3 Months)**

**Are they friendly?**

**Yes**

**No**

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**No**

**Are you willing to foster and socialize for at least one month?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Tip**

# Are they friendly?

## Yes

Take them to your nearest veterinarian or shelter to report them as a 'found animal'. Ask the office to scan the cat for a microchip and check for a tattoo just in case they are older than you believe.

# Did you locate their owner?

## Yes

## No

## Tip

# Did you locate their owner?

## Yes

**Great job! Feel free to share our information on getting the kitty fixed, if they aren't already!**

**[www.ahope4src.com/reserveaspot](http://www.ahope4src.com/reserveaspot)**

**Did you locate their owner?**

**No**

**Are you willing to foster and socialize for at least one month?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Tip**

**Are you willing to foster and  
socialize for at least one  
month?**

**Yes**

**Reach out to local rescues/animal shelters  
and offer to be a foster parent for a few  
weeks until the kitten is ready for adoption!**

**Tips**

# Are you willing to foster and socialize for at least one month?

# No

We strongly encourage you to sign them up to get spayed/neutered and vaccinated against rabies as soon as they're 3lbs/3 months old. Friendly cats live outdoors as community cats too. Just be sure to get their honorary ear tip if that's the best option for the kitten. If this is not an option, then you will need to go to your local shelter and set up an appointment to surrender them. If they are larger than 3lbs/3 months, the shelter will neuter and return them to your neighborhood afterwards.

**How old is the kitten?**  
**Click HERE for help.**

**Over 3 Months**

**Do they have an ear tip?**

**Yes**

**No**



**Do they have an ear tip?**

**Yes**

**Congratulations!**

**You found a "community cat". These are cats who live where you found them. That ear tip is a badge of honor!**

**[www.ahope4src.com/eartipping](http://www.ahope4src.com/eartipping)**

**Tip**

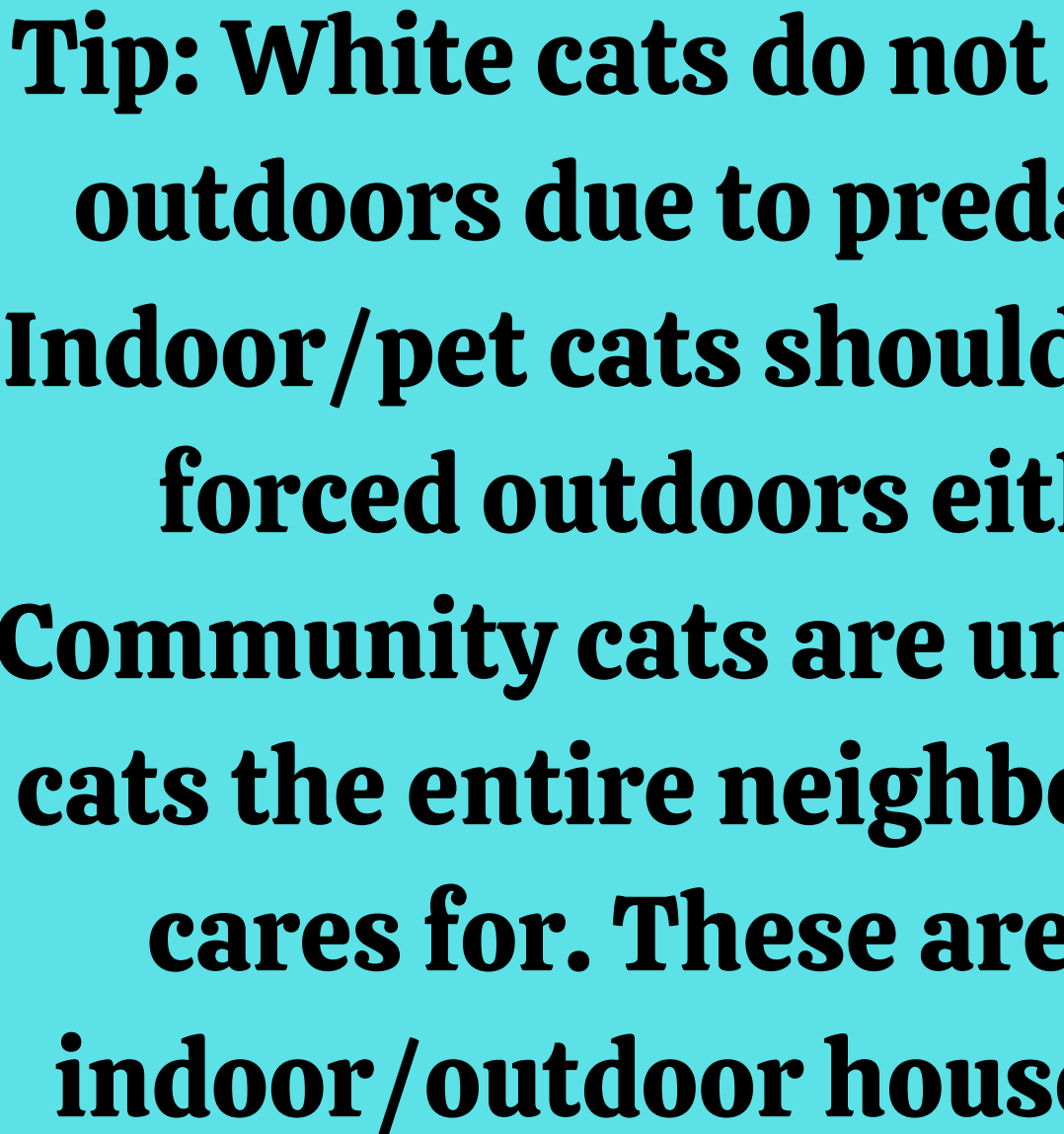
**Do they have an ear tip?**

**No**

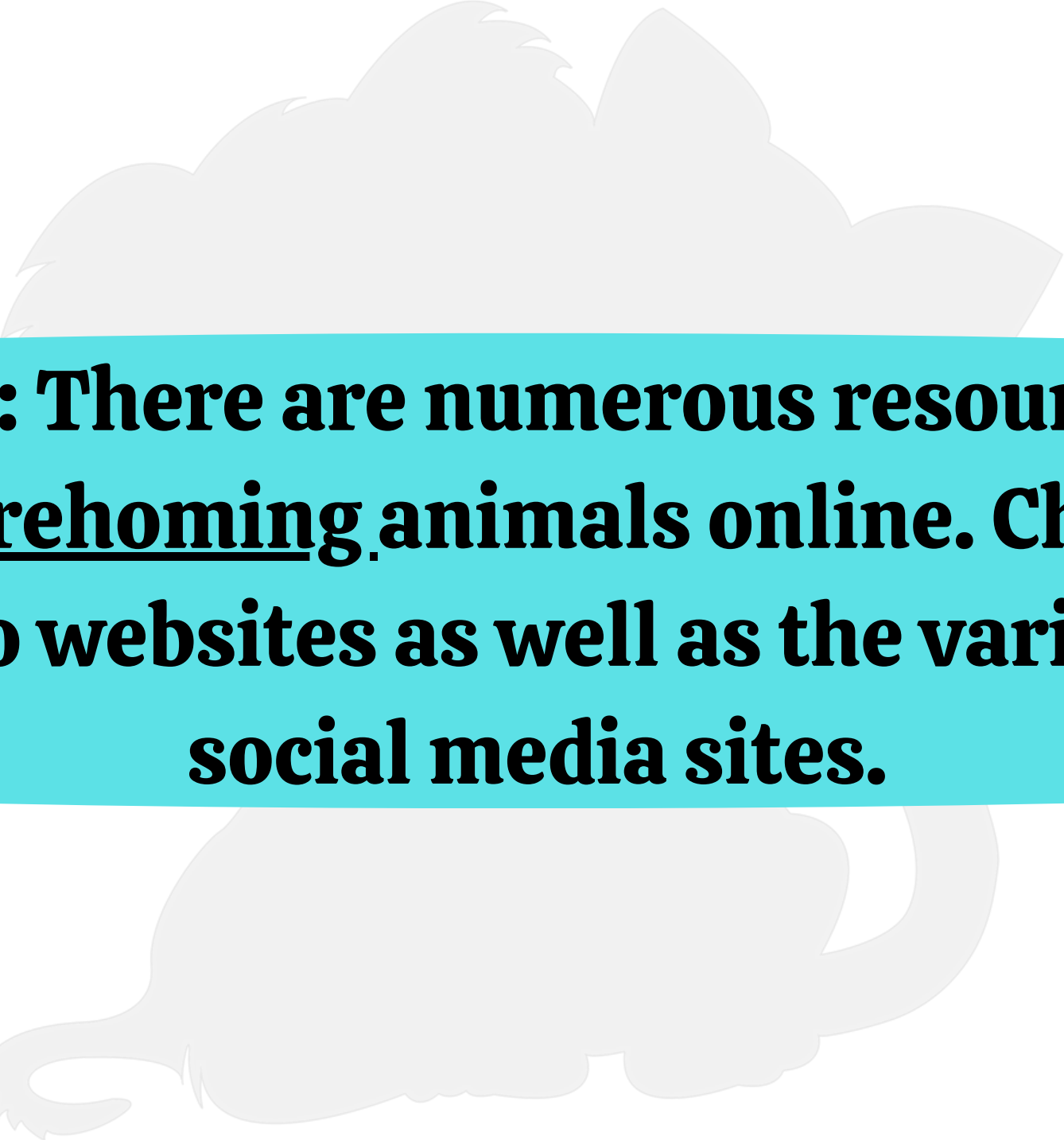
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**Yes**

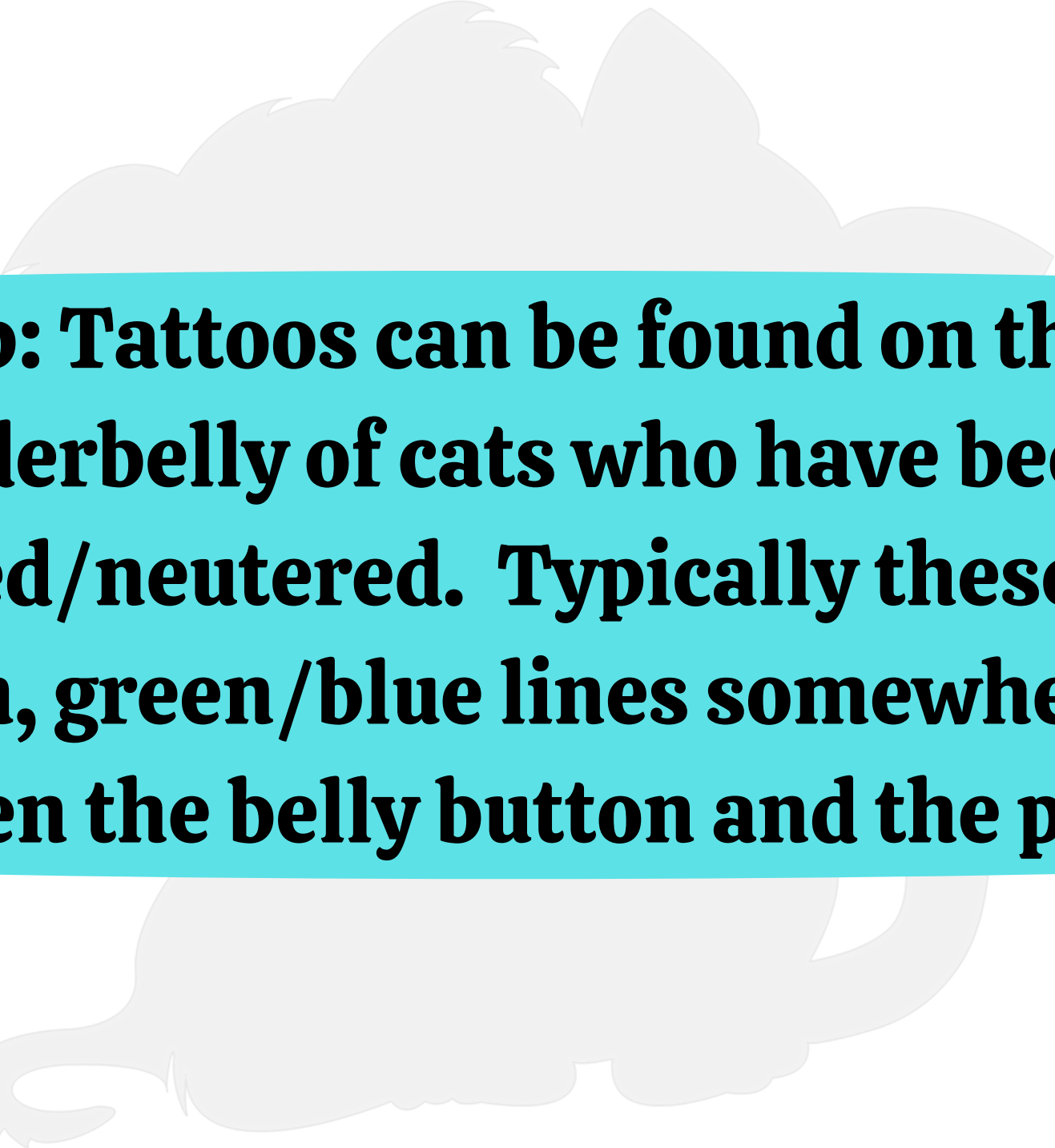
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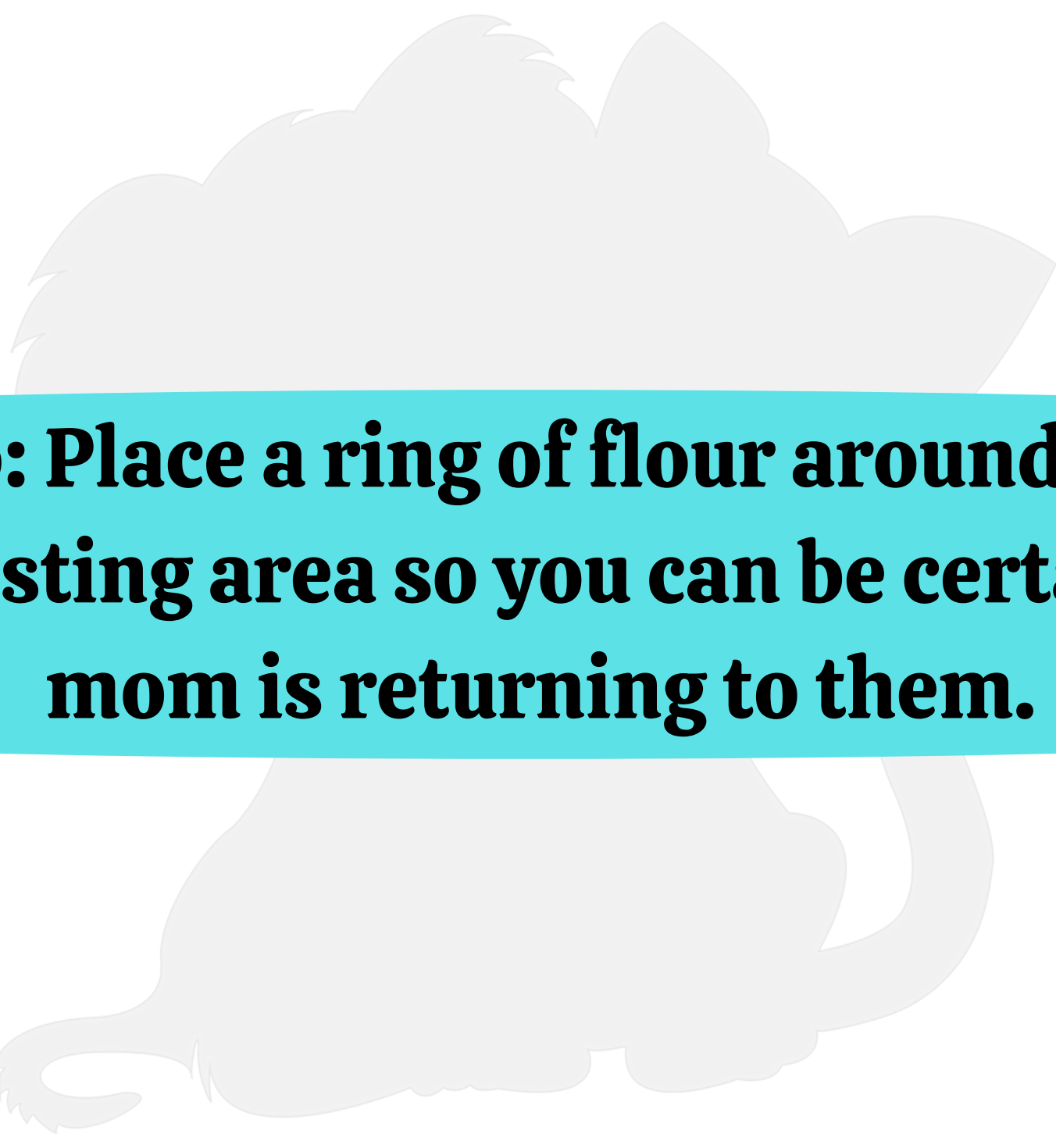
**Tip: White cats do not belong outdoors due to predators. Indoor/pet cats should not be forced outdoors either. Community cats are unowned cats the entire neighborhood cares for. These are not indoor/outdoor house cats.**



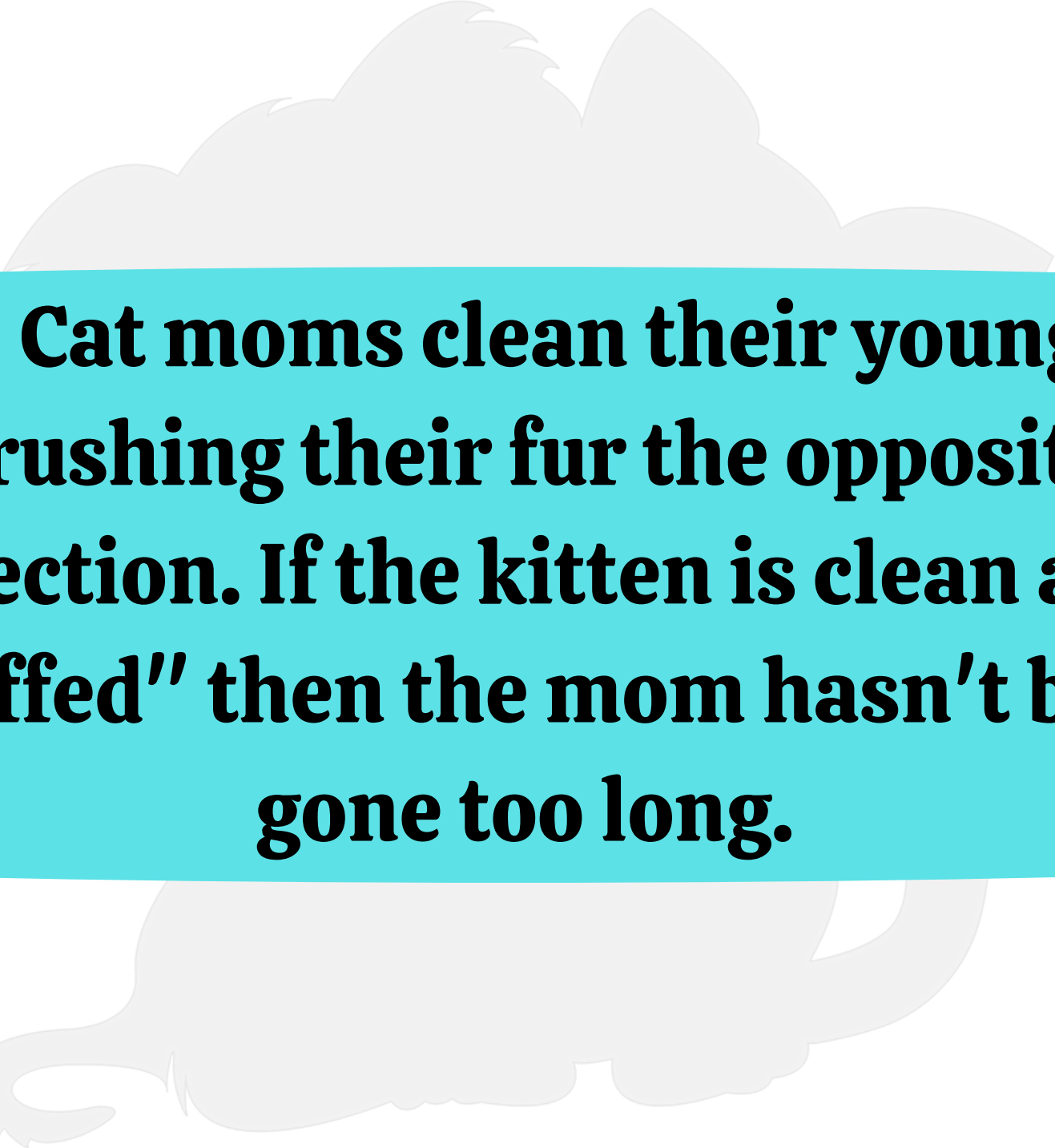
**Tip: There are numerous resources for rehoming animals online. Check into websites as well as the various social media sites.**



**Tip: Tattoos can be found on the underbelly of cats who have been spayed/neutered. Typically these are thin, green/blue lines somewhere between the belly button and the pelvis.**



**Tip: Place a ring of flour around the nesting area so you can be certain mom is returning to them.**



**Tip: Cat moms clean their young by brushing their fur the opposite direction. If the kitten is clean and "fluffed" then the mom hasn't been gone too long.**

**Most animal shelters and rescue organizations have a foster program to help the neediest of animals stay out of shelters, and in homes. Asking an organization how YOU can help the kitten is the best way to get all the supplies you need, at no cost, and help the kitten out at the same time.**

**You'll be a lifesaver!**