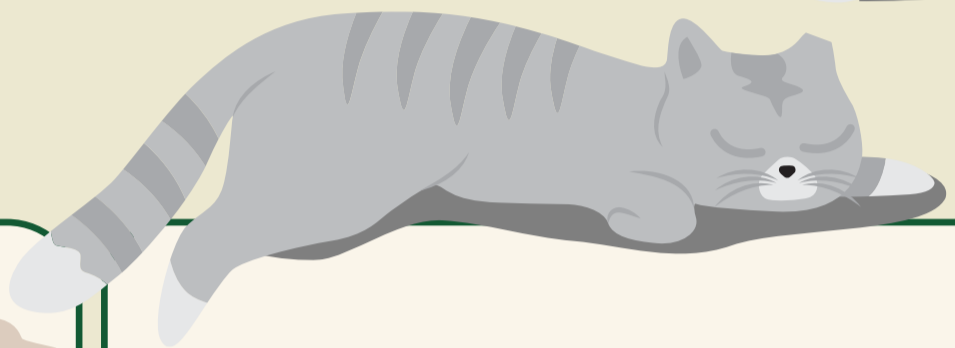
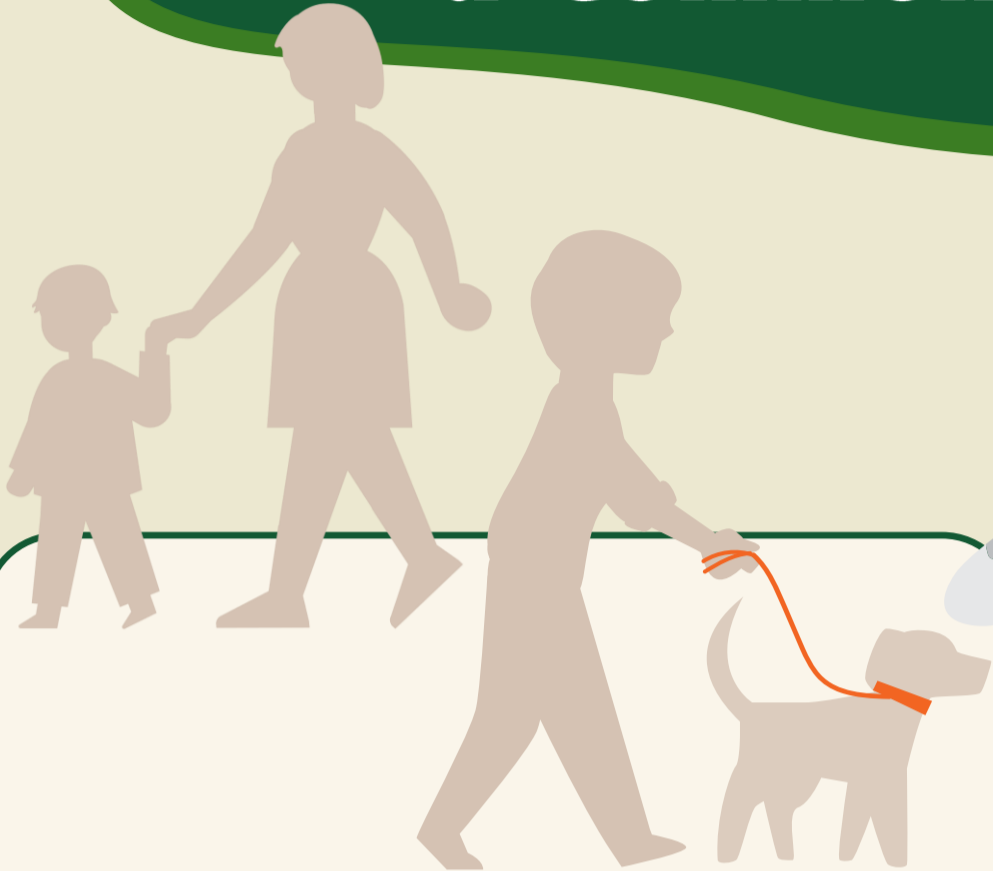
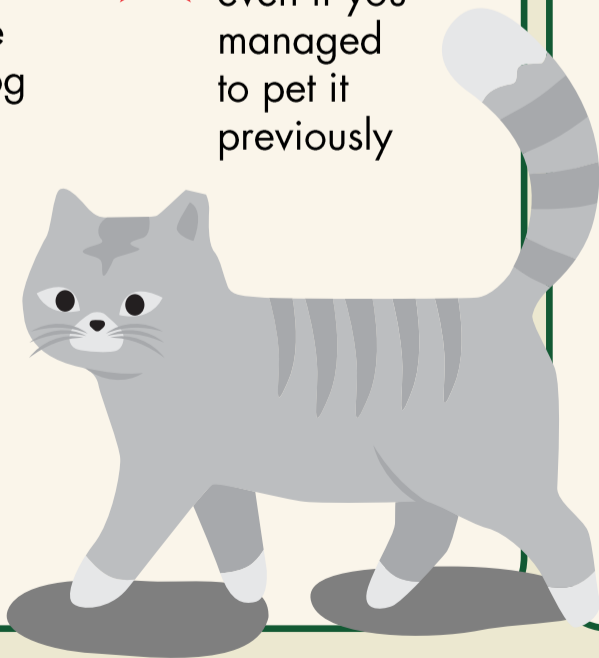


# What to Do When You Encounter a Community Cat



## When you see a cat

- ✓ Maintain a respectful distance and supervise your children closely
- ✗ Corner or trap the cat
- ✓ Keep your pets under control by putting them on a leash or carrier
- ✗ Make loud or sudden movements towards it
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings and take an alternative route, especially if you are walking your pet dog
- ✗ Force any interactions with the cat even if you managed to pet it previously
- ✓ Allow the cat to approach at its own pace – this lets the cat feel more comfortable and in control of the situation



## When a cat is resting

- ✓ Observe quietly from a safe distance
- ✗ Disturb or touch its belly, hind areas or tail
- ✓ Stay calm and still; let the cat decide whether to approach you
- ✗ Sneak up or walk up to a cat behind its field of vision

## When a cat seems stressed or defensive

- ✓ Slowly back away and avoid direct eye contact
- ✓ Leave the cat alone and allow it to calm down
- ✗ Continue approaching or attempt to touch the cat

