



Purrfect Pals!

Color in the picture of Ethan and Dusty!



ETHAN and the STRAYS

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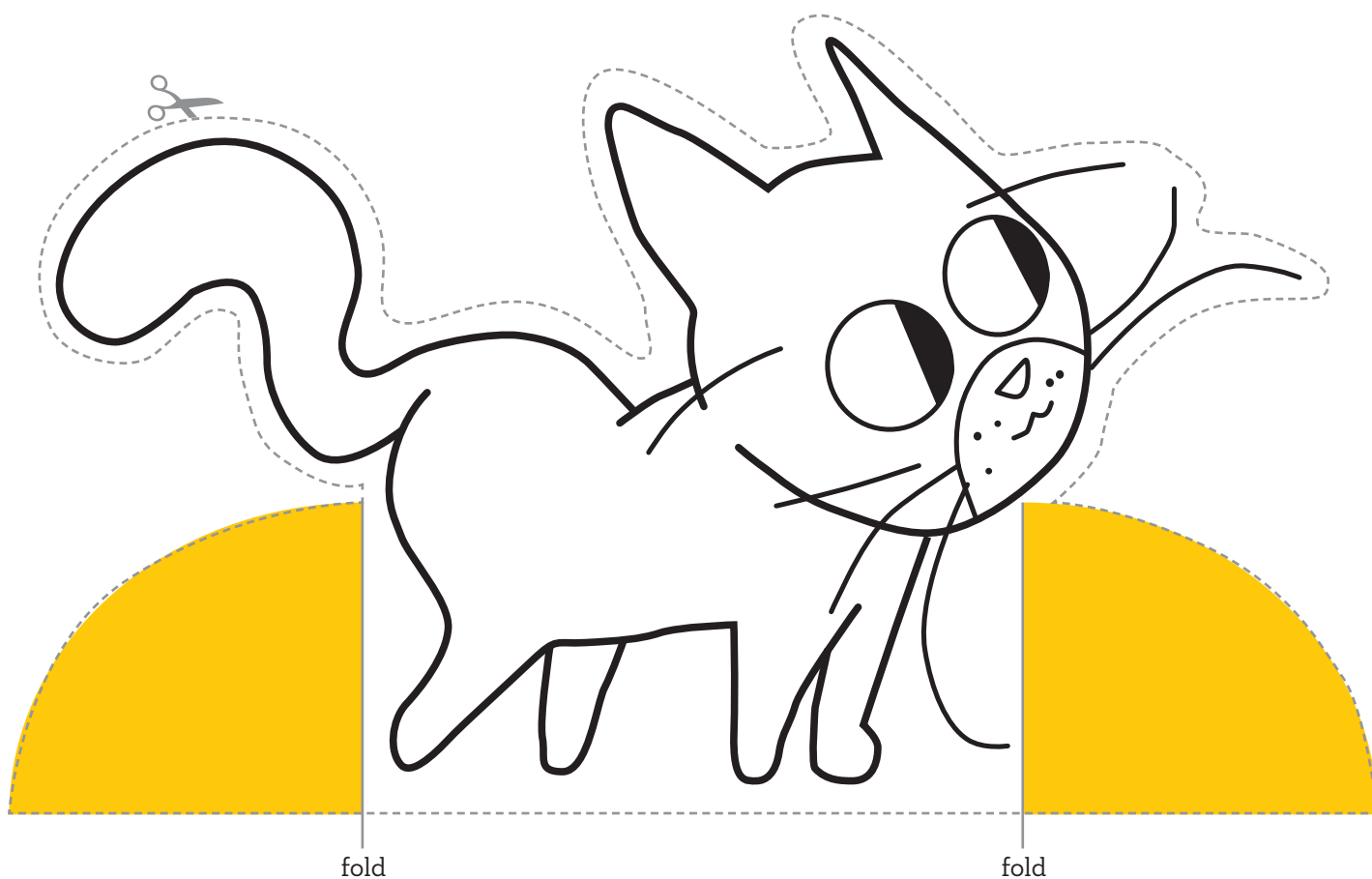
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My Own Kitten

Every cat deserves a warm, loving home, and now you can create your own! Color in your cat below, and then with an adult's help, cut it out. Then, fold the tabs backwards along the lines to help your cat stand.



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Before you can take your new friend home, you'll have to fill in the adoption certificate below. Once you are finished, cut out the certificate with an adult's help. Your kitten is now ready to go home!



ETHAN and the STRAYS Cat Adoption Certificate

My cat's name is: _____.

My cat's personality is: _____.

Fur color: _____ Eye color: _____

I, _____, promise to love my kitten with all my heart!
my name

If lost, please return to _____.
my name



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Learn to Care For Your Local Strays

Homeless cats are a worldwide problem. Cats as young as four months can have kittens.

The Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program helps strays and reduces their numbers. If you find homeless cats, take the following steps (always with the guidance of an adult):

- Contact an animal clinic that offers the TNR program. Ask if they know of volunteers who might assist you.
- Feed the cats at the same time for several days before trapping. That way, they'll show up when you're ready to trap them.
- Rent humane traps to capture the cats.
- Bait and set the traps just before feeding time.
- After trapping, cover the traps with a sheet or blanket to keep the cats calm. Cats can be unpredictable. Don't touch them.
- Transport the cats to the clinic. The veterinarian will spay the females and neuter the males so they can't have kittens. They will also vaccinate the cats against diseases and ear-tip them. Ear-tipping removes the tip of one ear to show the cat has been spayed or neutered.
- When the vet releases the cats, return them to their original location. You may further help the cats by providing daily food and water and supplying outdoor shelters.

RESOURCES

To learn more about the TNR program, visit the following websites:

Alley Cat Allies

alleycat.org/our-work/trap-neuter-return

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

aspcapro.org/feral

Best Friends Animal Society

resources.bestfriends.org/tnr

Humane Society of the United States

humanesociety.org/resources/outdoor-cats-faq

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