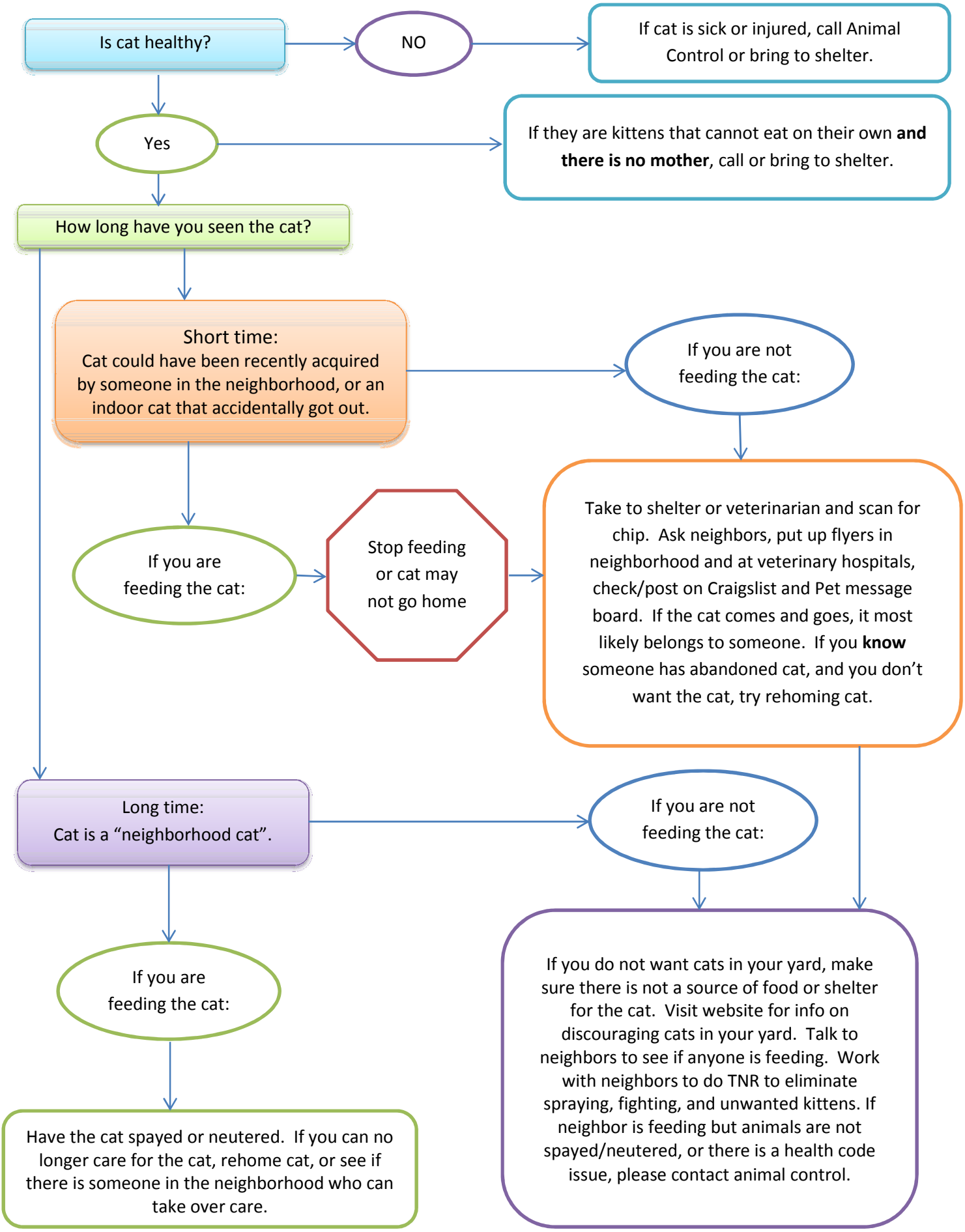
Is cat healthy?
NO
If cat is sick or injured, call Animal Control or bring to shelter.
Yes
If they are kittens that cannot eat on their own **and there is no mother**, call or bring to shelter.
How long have you seen the cat?
Short time:
Cat could have been recently acquired by someone in the neighborhood, or an indoor cat that accidentally got out.
If you are not feeding the cat:
If you are feeding the cat:
Stop feeding or cat may not go home
Take to shelter or veterinarian and scan for chip. Ask neighbors, put up flyers in neighborhood and at veterinary hospitals, check/post on Craigslist and Pet message board. If the cat comes and goes, it most likely belongs to someone. If you **know** someone has abandoned cat, and you don't want the cat, try rehoming cat.
Long time:
Cat is a "neighborhood cat".
If you are not feeding the cat:
If you are feeding the cat:
Have the cat spayed or neutered. If you can no longer care for the cat, rehome cat, or see if there is someone in the neighborhood who can take over care.
If you do not want cats in your yard, make sure there is not a source of food or shelter for the cat. Visit website for info on discouraging cats in your yard. Talk to neighbors to see if anyone is feeding. Work with neighbors to do TNR to eliminate spraying, fighting, and unwanted kittens. If neighbor is feeding but animals are not spayed/neutered, or there is a health code issue, please contact animal control.