

TNR guide

Welcome to the amazingly rewarding world of TNR (Trap Neuter and Return). TNR is an essential part of any community because cats have no boundaries and can be found throughout any neighborhood. This is a simple guide to learning about TNR, how to get started, websites to visit for more information and how to get your neighbors to want to help you... it takes a village!

Community Cats / Feral Cats / Stray Cats these are all common terminologies that we use to describe cats that live or spend the majority of their life outside.

This guide includes some VERY useful websites/organizations that have a vast amount of information regarding how to get started with TNR, how to actually do it and what to look out for when working with a colony and a spay neuter organization.

We require all community cats to be brought in a humane cat trap that is covered with a bed sheet or blanket. The cat must be able to move comfortably within the trap. 1 cat per trap, we do not accept multiple cats in a trap. We do not accept Community Cats in carriers. The trap must be clean from feces and must not have any towels inside the trap. Having newspaper lining the bottom of the trap is acceptable.

We offer the following services for all community cats:

- Left Ear Tip (Required)
- Rabies Vaccine
- FVRCP Vaccine
- Pain medication
- Ivermectin injection
- Spay or Neuter
- Green Tattoo next to incision

Tips for Trapping:

- Make a surgery appointment before trapping any cats.
- Begin trying to trap *at least 2 nights* before your scheduled appointment.
- Strong smelling wet cat food, or sardines or tuna fish in water (NOT oil) are good for bait.
- With hold food the night before you want to begin trying to trap to increase the appetite.
- Once you set the trap, the trap should be *checked multiple* times until a cat is caught.
- Once a cat is caught in the trap, cover it *immediately* with a bed sheet.
- Using newspaper or pee pads to place on your floor then place the traps to protect your floor.
- Leave cats in traps until your appointment day.

What to know for after the surgery appointment:

- Cats will be discharged roughly 1 an hour after their surgery which means that they will still be recovering from the anesthesia.
- New clean bedding will be placed in each trap.
- No need to handle the cat after surgery, leaving it in the trap to recover is best.
- Always keep traps covered.
- Place traps in a temperature-controlled room (DO NOT place them outside).
- For male cats we recommend keeping them in their traps for at least 24 hours.
- For female cats we recommend keeping them in their traps for at least 48 hours.
- If a female cat was pregnant, we may recommend keeping it in the trap for longer period. A staff member can discuss this with you at discharge.
- To feed the cat, use wet cat food on paper plates. Using a Trap Fork is recommended so that you can prevent the cat from escaping when placing food in the trap.
- Check the trap daily to make sure cat is fine. You want to make sure cat is eating well and that there is no pool of blood in the cage.
- You will see a green tattoo on the belly. That is a tattoo that was placed at the time of surgery as another way to inform people the cat was fixed.
- If the cat had fleas, we will give medication to kill the fleas on the body, We would recommend a monthly flea topical flea prevention, if possible.

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