

Your How-To Guide for a Successful TNR



STEP 1: PREPARATION FOR TRAPPING CATS

Community cats are generally wary of people. Make a plan before you set out to trap cats

STEP 2: EDUCATE YOUR NEIGHBORS

Before doing TNR learn as much as you can, both through observation and speaking with your neighbors

STEP 3: KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Be Prepared for Special Scenarios: *Kittens, Nursing Mother Cats, Pregnant Cats, Ill or Injured Cats*

STEP 4: ESTABLISH A FEEDING SCHEDULE

Establish a set time and place to feed the cats. Get them used to coming out and eating while you are there.

STEP 5: WORKING WITH A SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC

Review the 4 PAWS Clinic TNR guidelines online at: 4pawsclinic.org/trap-and-release

STEP 6: SET UP YOUR HOLDING/RECOVERY AREA

Choose an indoor, dry, temperature-controlled, safe overnight holding/recovery area to potentially use before and after the cats' surgeries. Some examples of acceptable locations are bathrooms, basements and garages. Make sure the recovery area is quiet and inaccessible to other animals. Ensure that all entries in and out are closed at all times in the unlikely event that a cat escapes from the trap.

YOUR TRAPPING KIT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Humane Box Trap
- Drop Trap
- Transfer Cage
- Isolator/Divider
- Feral Cat Den
- Trap Liner
- Trap Cover
- Trap Label
- Bait
- Floor Liner
- Work Gloves
- Spoon Or Fork
- Tape
- Reusable Baggies
- Food Storage Containers
- Paper Towels
- Antibacterial Wipes/Gel
- First Aid Kit
- Bungee Cords
- Zip Ties Or Carabiners
- Pen/Pencil
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Flashlight
- Cleaning Supplies
- Wear Appropriate Clothing



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more about
the 4 Paws
TNR Program

STEP 7: PREPARE EQUIPMENT

A trap tag or label provides key information. Practice setting and baiting traps ahead of time.

STEP 8: MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE CLINIC

Pick the day you will trap and schedule your neuter appointments as close to the time of trapping as possible.

STEP 9: SET UP AND PREPARE FOR TRAPPING

A little bait goes a long way! Do all your setup and preparation away from the colony site.

STEP 10: COMMUNICATE WITH 4 PAWS CLINIC ON POST SURGERY RECOVERY PROTOCOL

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