



TNR Workshop

13th St
at Rescue

Overview

- Review benefits of TNR
- Provide trapping tips and advice
- Provide local resources



What is TNR?

- Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a humane and effective approach for stray and community cats
- Process:
 - Cats are trapped and taken to a veterinarian to be neutered and vaccinated.
 - After recovery, the cats are returned to their home-- outdoors.
 - Kittens and cats who are friendly/socialized to people may be adopted into homes.
- TNR improves the lives of outdoor cats and improves their relationships with the people who live near them.

Benefits of TNR

- Colonies diminish in size over time
 - Unpleasant behaviors cease, like roaming, yowling, spraying, and fighting
- The cats' physical health improves (e.g. vaccinations, reduced fighting)
- More sustainable than relocating (opens up territorial void)
- Reduces need for and is less expensive than euthanasia
- Creates opportunities for community outreach and education

How To Trap Cats for TNR: Before You Trap

- Identify the spots where the cats spend their time.
- Communicate with neighbors about your TNR plans and find out who and when they are feeding.
 - If they are being fed, coordinate with them on trapping plans
 - If no one is currently feeding the cats, it may be helpful to start feeding on schedule and in a designated area, if only temporarily
- Borrow traps and make spay/neuter appointments (if needed)

Before You Trap (continued)

- Create a plan and schedule for the trapping, transport, and return of the cats.
- Determine a safe, indoor location where you will be able to hold the cats after surgery while they recover
- Gather and prepare all of the appropriate equipment and understand how it works ahead of time. Test traps each time to ensure that the trip plate works.
- Line the back seat of the transport vehicle with a plastic tarp.
- Have anyone who is feeding the cats withhold food for at least 24 hours before trapping

Trapping Tips

- Trap at the time of feeding (usually dawn or dusk)
- Prepare the traps by lining the bottom with newspaper
- Set “bait” in the back corner of the trap (tuna packed in oil, sardines in oil, or Original Recipe KFC)
- Make a trail of bait from the front to the back of the trap. Also drizzle some outside of the entrance of the trap
- Be sure the back door is latched properly!
- Set the traps and watch them from afar
- Once a cat is trapped, cover the trap immediately and remove the cat from the feeding area.
- Secure the traps in your vehicle and head to the veterinarian or clinic

Suggested Trapping Supplies

- ☐ Traps
- ☐ Old towels or sheet to cover each trap
- ☐ Newspaper to line the trap
- ☐ Masking tape (to secure newspaper to trap if it is windy)
- ☐ Smelly bait (tuna packed in oil, sardines in oil, KFC)
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Plastic spoon (to drizzle oil, scoop out bait)
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Plastic tarp (to line floor or seat of transport vehicle)
- ☐ Book to read while you wait -- trapping takes patience!

Post-Surgery

- After surgery keep the cats in the covered trap at all times
- Transport the cats safely back to a secure, indoor location for recovery
- Monitor the cats for illness
- Feed the cats 8 hours or so after surgery and return the cats after 1 night (males) or 24+hrs (females)
- Return the cats to the exact location where they were trapped



Next Steps

- Clean the traps well in between trapping sessions
- Check all future cats for ear tips
- Be patient and persistent!
- Difficult cats may need other methods like drop trapping. Get advice from an experienced TNR volunteer
- Contact us to volunteer!



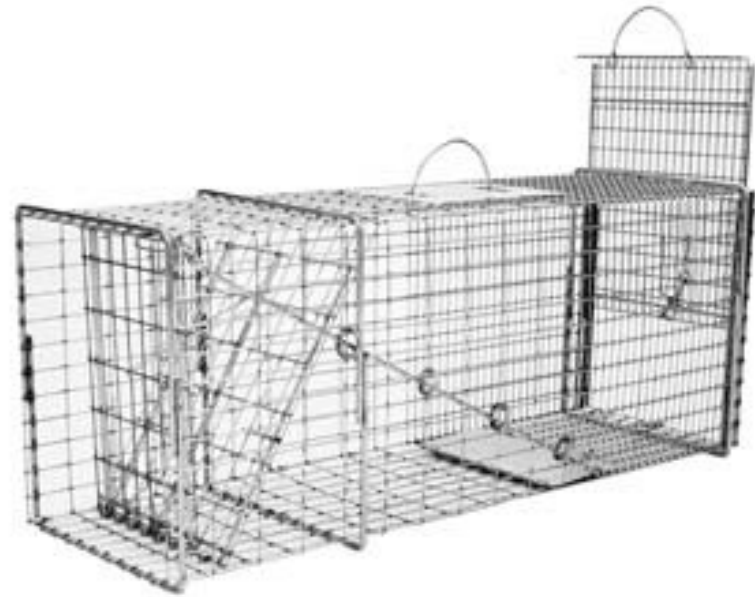
Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Resources

In Santa Clara County. Eff. 1/15/20. See: www.13thstcats.org/spayneuter

- **City of San Jose Animal Care Services** (2750 Monterey Rd., San Jose)
 - Eligible: Residents of San Jose, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Milpitas, and Saratoga
 - Cost: Free if you surrender cat to be returned by volunteers (no appt. needed, 7 days/wk, 7am-7pm). Cats must weigh at least 4 lbs.
 - \$25 if you want to pick up and return the cat yourself (no appt. needed, drop off 8:00AM to 8:30AM – Tuesday through Thursday only)
- **Humane Society of Silicon Valley** (901 Ames Ave., Milpitas)
 - Eligible: Anyone. Cats must weigh at least 1.5 lbs.
 - Cost: Free to Santa Clara County residents; \$50 from out of county. No appt. needed. (Drop off 7am-8am, Tuesday through Saturday)
- **Silicon Valley Animal Care Authority** (3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara)
 - Eligible: Residents of Santa Clara, Campbell, Monte Sereno & Mountain View
 - Cost: Free if you surrender cat to be returned by volunteers (no appt. needed, Tues, Thurs, Sat, or Sunday 8pm-5pm, or Wed 8am-7pm)
- **Local veterinarians that participate in county subsidy program (Including San Jose Animal Hospital - see list at www.13thstcats.org/spayneuter)**
 - Eligible: Anyone in Santa Clara County. Cost: \$10 or \$25, depending on city of residence. Appointments needed. Weight minimum varies -- call to check.

Where To Get Traps

- Contact us to borrow a trap for a \$50 refundable deposit
TNR@13thstcats.org
- You can also borrow traps from the City of San Jose Animal Care Center or the Humane Society
- To buy traps, look online for Tomahawk Brand Traps. We like this model:
 - “606NC - 30" Cat Trap Designed by Neighborhood Cats Organization”- Link: <http://bit.ly/tomahawk-trap>



Questions?

Contact Us:

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