



Feral Cat Trap Neuter Release Schedule

**HELP YOUR COMMUNITY CATS BY PARTICIPATING IN
FERAL CAT SPAY AND NEUTER
DAILY AT HAVEN HUMANE SOCIETY**

**Monday through Thursday
Excluding Holidays**

Appointment Required

Limit two cats per person per day

**Cost: \$45 per cat
Due at time of drop off**

**All cats that test positive for Feline Leukemia,
FIV or Heartworms will be humanely euthanized**

All cats must be in traps & arrive between 7:30 and 9:00 AM.

Each cat will receive...

Rabies vaccine

Spay/Neuter

Pain Medication

Ear Tip

FELV/FIV Testing (at the doctors discretion)

All cats must be picked up between 2:00 and 4:30 PM the same day.

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Feral Cat Trapping Instructions

Preparation

- ◆ Feed the cats at the same time and same place each day
- ◆ Leave the trap UNSET and covered with a large towel so the cat will get used to seeing the trap and the scent.
- ◆ ONLY trap the night before your scheduled appointment. Cats may eat up until 12 midnight and have water up until 6am on the day of surgery.
- ◆ Prepare a warm and sheltered area where you can hold the cats before and after their appointment. If it is hot and sunny, be sure to have the trap in a shaded area and line them with newspaper.
- ◆ Prepare the vehicle you will use to transport the cats with plastic covered in newspaper.

Set traps

- ◆ Set traps just before the cats' normal feeding time, dawn and dusk are best.
- ◆ Don't trap in rain or heat without adequate protection for the trap!
- ◆ Fold a piece of newspaper to line the bottom of the trap just covering the trip plate. Cats don't like walking on the wire surface and newspaper helps keep their feet from going through when the trap is lifted.
- ◆ Use "smelly" food to bait the trap. Canned mackerel is very effective and relatively inexpensive.
- ◆ Soak a small scrap of newspaper (two to three inches by three to four inches) in the mackerel juice and place it on the ground where you plan to place the rear of the trap
- ◆ Put about a tablespoon of food onto the soaked newspaper scrap and place in the trap as far back as possible. You want the cat to go all the way into the trap to avoid being injured.
- ◆ After baiting the trap, open the trap door by pushing the top of the door in and pulling the bottom of the door upward. There is a small hook attached to the right side of the trap top. It hooks into a tiny metal cylinder on the right side of the door. The hook holds the door in an open position, which also raises the trip plate. When the plate is stepped on, it will cause the hook to release the door and close.
- ◆ Now, cover the trap with a large towel to camouflage it and to calm the cat.

Wait and Trap

- ◆ Never leave traps unattended or unprotected. Wait quietly where you can still see the traps.
- ◆ When the cat is caught, move the trap to a quiet area and look to see that you have the correct animal and not a pet or previously altered feral cat (ear notch/tip).
- ◆ Cover the cat back up as soon as possible, so it does not struggle and injure itself.
- ◆ If you have captured a nursing female, check the area for the kittens and remember that this female must be released within 10-12 hours after surgery so she can care for and nurse her kittens!

Hold

- ◆ Hold cats overnight, if necessary, then take them to your appointment at the clinic.
- ◆ Place cats in the prepared and protected area.
- ◆ Keep the trap covered with the towel and check periodically. Usually, they will be quiet. DO NOT put fingers in the trap or allow children or pets near the traps.
- ◆ Wash and change your clothes before having any contact with your own pets as a precaution against spreading any contagious disease the cat may carry.

Release

- ◆ For post-op recovery care, many cats will recover from the anesthesia used for their surgery by late evening of the same day as surgery. It is still recommended that they remain in their traps until the following day.
- ◆ Never relocate an animal as it will become disoriented and can die.
- ◆ Keep the trap covered until you are ready to release. When ready, simply hold the trap with the door facing away from you and open the door. **Never put your hand in the trap.**
- ◆ **After release, hose off each trap and disinfect with bleach to prevent spreading disease.**

***Homeless/feral cats are wild animals and can scratch and bite, these can be very serious.
**If you are scratched or bitten, get medical attention immediately and do not release the cat.*

Please visit our website, www.havenhumane.net to see what TNR (trap, neuter, return) programs we are currently offering to assist in the feral cat community.