



Introduction to T(rap) N(euter) R(eturn)



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What is T-N-R?

- Trap-Neuter-Return is a humane and effective approach for community cats.
- Community cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal symbol of a neutered and vaccinated cat), and then returned to their outdoor home.



Who Can Do TNR?



YOU
CAN
DO
TNR!





Today's Focus – Simple trapping





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Assess your site



1 cat?

44 Cats?

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Make a plan

- How urgent is this?
 - (i.e. injured cat, pregnant cats, weather)
- When can you do it?
 - When does the clinic have openings?
 - When can you get traps?
- Do you need help to do this?
 - Contact those you want to help you, involve them in the plan
- Decide:
 - How far in advance do you need to start?
 - Where will the cats be held prior to surgery?
 - Who will transport?
 - Where will the cats be held after surgery?



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Schedule S/N appointments

- Make appointments in advance (before trapping)
 - Online appointments are preferred method
 - To see if a date is available, you have to enter all your data before you can see a drop down menu.

Organizations doing free S/N for feral cats

- ❖ Feral Cat Spay Neuter Project
 - Free S/N and rabies vaccination for eartipped cats
 - NET S/N fee, other services \$5-\$10 (vaccines are \$10)
- NOAH
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FCSNP <http://www.feralcatproject.org/>
NOAH <http://www.thenoahcenter.org/>

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Trapping – Arrange for Traps



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Pre-Trapping – Acclimate if possible



← Bungee or Zip Tie 1 week if possible

Cover the traps ↓



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Trapping

How long to hold food?

Completely cover the trap once the cat is caught



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Holding before surgery

Keep Warm, Quiet, Dry, and Covered at all times.



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Transporting

NO open bed trucks – must be covered transport!

Tarp/protect interior of vehicle

Okay to stack – prevent escapes!



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Recovery

Warm, dry, quiet and covered at all times.

Food – canned mixed w/water, 6-7 pm

Release – 24-48 hours

- Same night for new mom cats
- Longer for late term pregnant
- Injured/ill cat – vet recommendation

A trap divider may be used to contain the cat inside of the trap while adding food or replacing soiled bedding.

ALWAYS place the divider through the side of the trap, NEVER from the top

Trap divider



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Release



Open traps so that the cat is running into a familiar safe hiding place.



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Assessing the site – Earl's



Acclimating to the traps – Earl's



Release – Earl's'

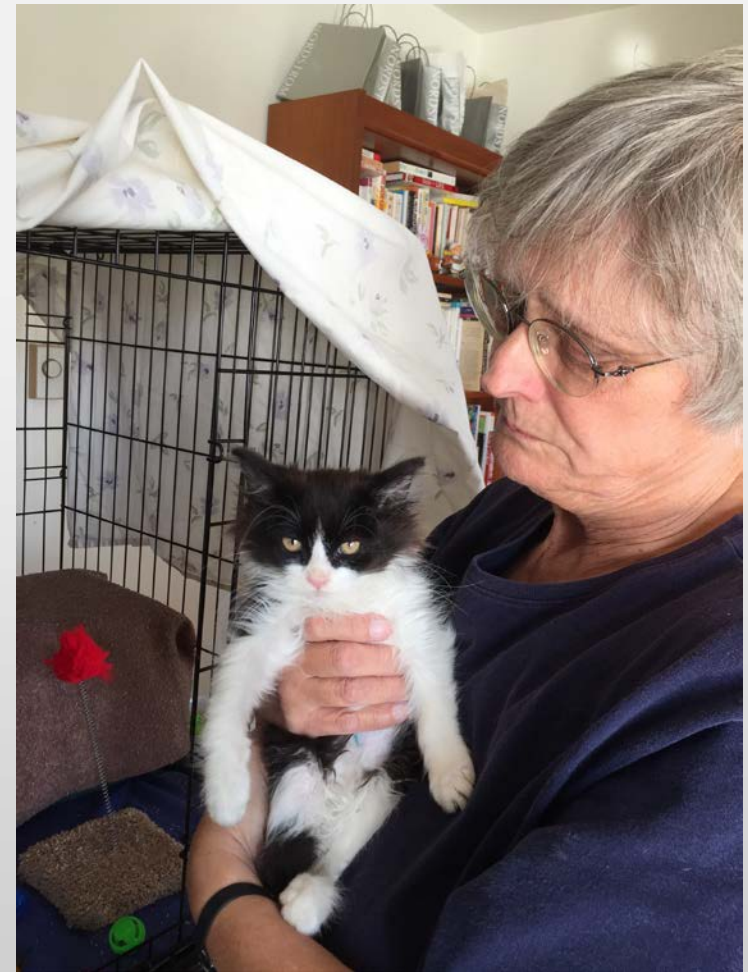
☹️ My release video didn't capture!
But the picture below was taken
within 2 minutes after release – cats
who are comfortable in their home
😊



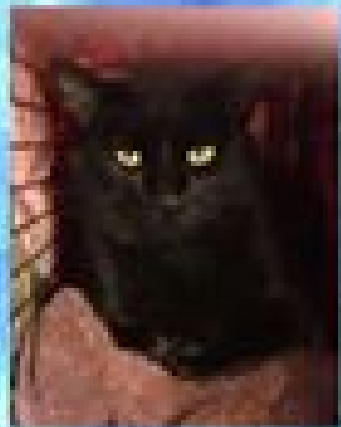
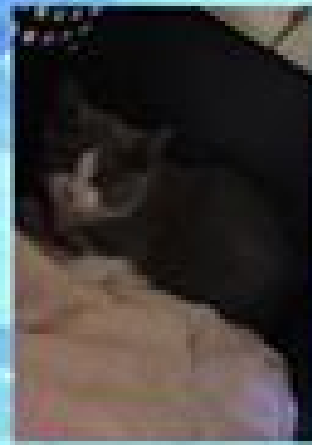


This was taken the day after release – and this says it all. People worry about the cats being too stressed by the whole TNR process, they will run off, they won't return, they won't do well... this boy was stretched out sunbathing 😊

Success at Earl's! (plus 2 indoor kittens from this colony not pictured – Earl was able to catch them while they were still tiny)
Total – 4 boys, 5 girls



Little RC, about 9 weeks old, is in foster and will be socialized and adopted out. This is a huge benefit of TNR – getting the kittens out before they become feral.



Success
at
Harvey's!
7 boys &
3 girls -
no more
babies!
(we
hope)

Examples of Traps/Trap Demo



Havahart



Tomahawk



Trap divider ("fork")



TruCatch





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Trapped when they were 2 weeks old, fostered with their mom for the next month. Mom was TNR'd, but the 4 kittens were fostered, socialized, and readied for adoption.

These 2 are at our booth in the trade show today – we like to give people the living examples of why this is important, and how we can all save lives 🐾



Questions?

