



Society for the Friends of Ferals

Helping the Helpless

Trapping Tips

Please read before trapping! Once a trap is set and baited, do NOT leave the trap unattended, watch to ensure that you catch a cat. If you catch another animal, cover the cage, take the caged animal to a wooded area and release it.

Once you see that the cat has tripped the trap, cover the trap with a sheet or blanket and place the cat and trap in a quiet area. Do not be alarmed if the cat is fussing. Once covered and left in a quiet spot, it WILL calm down.

Call the vet that you will be using and make your appointment for the soonest possible time. If you are unable to obtain an appointment for a few days, keep the cat in the cage in a quiet spot and provide with food and water. Place newspaper under the cage and if possible, inside the cage for easy clean up. Remove food and water at least ten to twelve hours prior to surgery.

If for some reason you cannot make your appointment, PLEASE CALL the vet's office and reschedule. If you are calling because the cat has escaped, again, call the vet to cancel, and only reschedule if you re-trap the cat.

When you arrive at the vet's office for the spay or neuter surgery, the veterinary staff will advise you of pick up times. The cat will be returned to you in the live trap. Keep the cat covered and in the live trap for at least 24 hours. You may offer the cat a bit of food or water during that time.

After the 24 hours recovery time (times will be longer for females), if the cat is doing well, you may return the cat to its colony or to the area where it is used to living. **You must provide food and water on a daily basis afterwards, as this is an integral part of the TNR programme.**

By taking part in the TNR programme, you are helping to control the feral cat population and are providing a valuable service not only to the cats, but to your community. **Thank you from Society for the Friends of Ferals.**