



TNR

Trap/Neuter/Return

Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic

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Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) is a comprehensive, ongoing program in which free-roaming and feral cats already living outdoors are humanely trapped; medically evaluated, vaccinated and sterilized by veterinarians; and then returned to their original location. Animal Humane endorses TNR as the only proven humane and effective method to manage feral cat colonies.

- **Location:** Animal Humane Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic
- **Hours:** Monday through Thursday. Surgical check-in 7:30 am – 8am by scheduling an appointment at TNR@AnimalHumaneNM.org or visiting AnimalHumaneNM.org/veterinary-clinic/.
- ***No feral cats will be seen on Fridays as our Clinic is closed.**
- **Cost:** We offer sterilization, vaccination and medical exam of feral cats free of charge. However, fees may be incurred if additional treatment is needed upon examination and approved by the trapper. We welcome your tax-deductible financial donation to help the thousands of pets we serve yearly.
- Anyone may bring in a feral cat, but a friendly cat or housecat is not eligible for this program. *Animal Humane reserves the right to keep any cat received through this program for adoption placement, if we determine the feline is a good candidate.*
- Space is limited to 3 cats per trapper, per day; only 1 cat allowed per trap.
- Each cat must arrive in a live catch trap covered with a towel. Do not place towels or bowls inside of the trap.
- You may use your own trap if it has an accurate weight written on it.
 - A \$10 transfer fee applies if the trap does not have an accurate weight on it.
 - If you need a trap, please call 505.217.0300 or email TNR@AnimalHumaneNM.org to arrange a rental. Loaned traps are free to use but require a \$99 deposit that is fully refunded when the trap is returned.
- Cats must be picked up between 3 pm – 4 pm the same day.



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Feral Cat Trapping Protocol

Every cat must arrive for surgery in a trap. We recommend using the True-Catch gravity-driven trap as opposed to the spring-loaded variety. Spring-loaded traps can inflict severe damage, especially to kittens and to cats with prior injuries; gravity-driven traps are much safer.

- **Have a plan before you start.** Never just start trapping without having made all necessary arrangements: housing, transport, surgery, recovery, and release.
- **Be familiar with the function of the trap before you start using it.** Know how to set it, how to bait it, how to spring it, how to release the skunk you catch by mistake, and how to carry it without releasing the cat.
- **Trap where the cats are accustomed to feeding.** Make certain that the trap is sheltered, not in direct sunlight or exposed to rain or snow. A cat in an exposed trap can freeze to death or die of heat stroke and dehydration in a very short time. Tip: For successful trapping, withhold food the night before.
- **Put the bait directly on the floor of the trap** just inside the guillotine door.
- **Do not put anything else in the trap** -- no cans of food, towels, dishes of any kind. The cat will be very frightened once it is caught, and foreign objects inside the trap can inflict severe injuries.
- **Never leave traps unattended.** A trapped cat is defenseless and will be terrified; thrashing around inside the trap can cause severe injury.
- **Cover the trap immediately once a cat is caught.** Use a blanket or sheet to cover the entire trap. Like any wild animal, a feral cat will calm down as soon as it perceives no threat. Both you and the cat are safer if he cannot see you.
- **House the trapped cat in a warm, sheltered place off the ground until ready to transport.** A cinder block under each corner of the trap will keep it stable and allow you to place newspapers underneath to catch feces and urine. Leave the trap covered at all times. Do not leave trapped cats outside.
- **Transport safely, humanely, and as soon as possible.** If you must transport in the bed of a pickup, place a rug, blanket, or cardboard under the traps to provide traction and insulation. Keep the traps covered at all times; secure both the covers and the traps with ropes or bungee cords. Drive slowly and avoid the freeway. These animals are going to be *terrified* by this trip; try to put yourself in their place; if you wouldn't do it to yourself, please don't do it to the cats.

Good luck!

Call for help or information 505-217-0300 or email TNR@AnimalHumaneNM.org