

# TNR with Fur-Ever Friends of North Carolina

### Please watch both of these TNR training videos before you attempt to trap:

https://www.alleycat.org/resources/step-by-step-guide-trap-neuter-return/ and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wF\_omFE7Etc

Also read the Alley Cats TNR Guide which has more in-depth instructions:

https://www.alleycat.org/resources/how-to-help-community-cats-a-step-by-step-guide-to-trap-neuter-return/

# Key things to remember:

- All feral cats (even if they are tame) must be taken to the vet in a trap and must have their ear tipped. If you don't do this the vet will not give you feral pricing.
- Sheets only does 1 year rabies along with the sterilization. Do not request additional services without talking with us. You will be responsible for any additional cost in advance of taking the cat.
- Train the colony by feeding them at the same time every day, once a day. Because they are nocturnal, they are most active just before dark, which is when you should be feeding & trapping them.
- If they won't get stolen, you should put the traps out a day or two before trapping day to get them used to the traps, you are not trapping them early just getting them comfortable with the trap. You will do a progressive feeding protocol to get them further into the trap each day. It makes trapping day very quick and easy.
- Don't feed them at all, the day before trapping
- Line the bottom of the trap with a pee pad, up to the "trip pad" (what the cat steps on that activates the door closure) cats may not go in the trap if they have to walk across the metal grid.
- Supplies you will need:
  - o Traps
  - o Gloves long bite proof is best
  - A tarp to protect your car
  - Large towels to cover traps
  - Pee Pads or newspaper

- Tuna in oil or sardines, something stinky
- You CANNOT leave the baited traps unattended. Don't trap unless you can be at an
  observable distance and immediately cover and retrieve trapped cats. There are
  several reasons for this including if other cats see the trap they will not go in a trap.
  It is not safe for a cat to be in a trap uncovered, they thrash around and will hurt
  themselves.
- They must be kept in a covered area with a roof once trapped. It doesn't need to be inside unless it's hot or cold outside. HOWEVER, they must be kept in an area where no animals can get to them. Talk this over with us, we need to verify the location.
- Keep the cages completely covered with a towel or blanket all the time.
- Don't feed them after trapping them unless you catch them very early the day before. They cannot have food in their stomachs on the day of surgery.
- We have trap labels, each trap must be labeled. If you are not borrowing traps from us I can email the labels for you to print.
- Put down a tarp covered in newspaper or pee pads in your vehicle prior to putting the traps in your car.
- WE MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION EMAILED TO US ON THE DAY OF THE SURGERY: Your name, the name of each cat, and its sex. Telling the sex of a cat, especially young ones, can be difficult. If you are unsure find out from the vet when you pick up the cats. We must have this info to pay the bill.
- The surgery only includes a rabies shot and pain meds. If you want dewormer, flea meds, or any additional vaccinations you will need to arrange that with the vet's office.

#### After Pick up:

• You will need to keep them overnight after the procedure, again in an area with a roof that is at a reasonable temperature. The vet's office will give you instructions.

# **Locations - You will be assigned one of the following locations:**

**Sheets Pet Clinic** – Monday through Thursday

809 Chimney Rock Ct, Greensboro, NC 27409

Cats must be dropped off by 8am, then picked up by 5 unless they tell you otherwise, sometimes they can't get to them and keep them for the next day.

# **Humane Society of the Piedmont**

When we do bus loads drop off and pick-up are at Dick's Sporting Goods at Hanes Mall. If you are assigned to this one you will need to fill out a feral cat consent form, which I can email or give to you with the traps. Drop off is 8am and pick-up is the following morning about 11am, you will be given a specific time at drop-off.

When we are doing regular drop off, you drop off at HSOP at 8am and pickup is at 3:30pm the same day.

**How You Can Support FFNC** We understand the time and resources you dedicate to this mission, and we don't expect large donations from our volunteers, do what you can. We do ask for your help in spreading the word about FFNC:

- Share our mission with friends, family, and neighbors.
- Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> for updates and success stories.
- Favorite us on <a href="NextDoor">NextDoor</a> and share your TNR success stories to inspire others.
- Share our donation link to help fund our efforts:
   https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/help-reduce-the-feral-cat-population.

Your support, whether through action or advocacy, keeps our mission alive. Thank you for being part of this vital work. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, feedback, or requests for cat houses.

With gratitude,

Kim Sturman Manager of Operations Fur-Ever Friends NC

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