



DOs and DON'Ts FOR TRAPPING FERAL/COMMUNITY CATS

First of all, thank you for taking time to help the cats who need you!

DO GET A TRAP: AWA has rental traps available for a \$100 refundable cash deposit. The full deposit is returned when the trap is returned. Traps are also available for rent at Voorhees Hardware Rental or Taylor Rental. You can purchase a trap from Home Depot, Harbor Freight, Lowe's or animal supply facilities.

DO PLAN: Careful planning makes the difference on whether or not you are successful. Whether the cat is feral (wild) or a neighborhood stray, start by feeding at the same time every day. We recommend early morning so you can catch the cat for surgery. By getting the cat used to eating at the same time, you have control.

DO FEED IN THE TRAP: We suggest you put the trap in an area where you are feeding, but keep the door open by using a stick or wire. Get the cat used to eating in the trap by putting food in the trap and making a small trail of food leading up to it. We recommend using stinky canned cat food. Once the cat is used to coming to the trap for meals, you decide when you want to trap. Do not feed the day before you plan to trap. The morning of trapping, put a small amount of food in the trap to lure the cat.

DO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT: For just \$20, we will provide spay/neuter surgery, rabies and FVRCP vaccination, and ear tip for identification. Slots are available every Wednesday **by appointment only**. Due to high demand, **please schedule your appointment before you trap**. Please email tnr@awanj.org or call 856-424-2288, ext 116 with questions or appointment requests.

DON'T LEAVE THE TRAP UNATTENDED: Watch from a window or your car. Trapped cats are vulnerable to other animals.

DO ARRIVE ON TIME: On the morning of the surgery appointment, you **MUST** bring the cat to the clinic for check-in at 7:30 am. If you can't get there at that time, we **CANNOT** accommodate you. Feral cats must be in a lined trap covered with a sheet or towel. No litter pans or other supplies.

DO SET UP AFTER CARE: After surgery the cat can recuperate in the trap, a carrier or a large dog crate. This needs to be in a safe, protected area. A garage or enclosed porch is fine. By the next day if the cat is up and eating, s/he can be released. You may not see him/her for a day or so afterward.

DON'T ATTEMPT TO TOUCH OR HANDLE THE CAT. Once s/he is in the trap, cover the trap immediately with a sheet or towel and leave it alone. Our technicians are skilled at safely removing the cat from the trap and returning him/her to the carrier.

DON'T TRAP unless you have an appointment for surgery. You may not get another chance to trap the cat.