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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 PLAN: Careful planning makes the difference on whether or not you are successful. 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 are in control. The next step is to get a trap and make an appointment for surgery.

DO GET A TRAP: AWA has rental traps available for a \$100 refundable CASH deposit. (One per family) The deposit is returned when the clean trap is returned. Traps are also available for rent at Voorhees Hardware or Taylor Rental. Traps can be purchased from Home Depot, Harbor Freight, Lowe's or Tractor Supply.

DO FEED IN THE TRAP: We suggest you put the trap near where you are feeding, but do not set the trap. Keep the door open using a stick or string. 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. **DO NOT FEED ANYWHERE ELSE.** 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. You want the cat to be hungry. When trapping, use a small amount of food in the trap to lure the cat.

DO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT: For just \$35 CASH, payable at check-in, we will provide spay or neuter surgery, rabies and FVRCP vaccination and ear tip for identification. Appointments are available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday **by appointment only.** Please schedule your appointment before you trap. 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 and weather.

DO ARRIVE ON TIME: Check-in for surgery is 7:30am. If you aren't here at that time, we may not be able to accommodate you. Feral/community cats must be in a lined (with newspaper or cardboard) trap covered with a sheet or towel. No litter pans or other supplies.

DO SET UP AFTERCARE: After surgery the cat can recover in the trap 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, he can be released. The females should be held an extra day before release. 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 trap after surgery.

DON'T TRAP until you have an appointment for surgery. It is unacceptable to keep the cat in the trap for any length of time and you may not get another chance to trap.