

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO SIGN UP FOR TNR IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY

CITY AND COUNTY TNR CONTACT INFORMATION

TNR Programs for Port Orange, Holly Hill, Edgewater, Daytona Beach and New Smyrna Beach are administered by CCFAW. Please leave your name, address, phone number and the approximate number of cats in your colony in your email or phone message as messages without this information will not be returned. Email: Pat at ccfaw@ccfaw.org ~ Call: Marea at 386-760-6330.

Debary/Orange City: Call Heather Crowne at 407-810-6071

Deland: Call Rebecca Ackerman at 386-626-7413 or email at ackermanr@deland.org

Deltona: Call Heidi Herzberg at 386-405-8335

Oak Hill: Contact Farmhouse Cats by email at pseuberling@cfl.rr.com or on Facebook under Farmhouse Cats

Orange City/Debary: Call Heather Crowne at 407-810-6071

Ormond Beach: Call Ormond Beach Animal Control Contact Officer JoAnn Owen at 386-676-3262

Ponce Inlet: Call Nancy Epps at 386-795-2310

South Daytona: Call Officer Steve Pignataro at 386-322-3059

Unincorporated Volusia County: Volusia County Animal Services - Call 386-248-1790 and choose option 4 for a direct line to VCAS

TRAP/NEUTER/RETURN CAREGIVER INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. NEVER SET CAT TRAPS ON A WEEKEND AS THERE ARE NO VETS AVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY AND NEVER TRAP CATS WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE THEM FIXED ARRANGED BY THE PERSON OR ENTITY IN CHARGE OF YOUR MUNICIPALITY'S TNR PROGRAM.**
2. Place the traps at the location where you are feeding the cats.
3. Set the traps with the door open - **use a twist tie to secure the door in the open position**
4. The first day, put the food in front of the open door – move it further into the trap each day until the cat is going into the trap. This may take a few days.
Note: It is best to use a smelly, wet cat food or tuna as bait.
5. Once the cat is going into the trap you can put the food at the back of the trap and set the trigger mechanism to capture the cat.
Note: Please make sure that the door at the rear of the trap is secure so once the cat is in the trap it cannot escape.
6. **If you can handle the cat** you might be able to put it into a carrier. Stand the carrier on end with the open door facing upward. Put the carrier close to the location where you are feeding/touching the cat. Pick up the cat by the scruff of the neck (like a mother cat carries a kitten) and hold it out at arm's length with the feet dangling keeping a tight grip on the loose skin at the back of the neck. **DO NOT TRY TO CRADLE THE CAT AGAINST YOUR BODY OR TOUCH THE REAR FEET.** Drop the cat – rear legs first into the carrier and quickly close the door.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU TRY TO PUT THE CAT INTO THE CARRIER HEAD FIRST AS YOU COULD BE BITTEN OR SCRATCHED.

7. You can also trap the cat in a carrier by tying a long string/cord onto the door of the carrier near the locking mechanism and pulling the cord back through one of the holes along the sides or back of the carrier. Bait the trap with a very small amount of smelly food and when the cat goes into the carrier pull on the string to close the door. Keep tension on the string until you can secure the lock.
8. The best time to try to capture cats is early in the morning so you can take them directly to the spay/neuter clinic.
Note: When trapping in the morning use a small amount of tuna juice to lure the cat into the trap as they will be going under anesthesia and should not have undigested food in their stomachs. Please tell the vet at approximately what time in the morning the cat ate.
9. If you trap at night you can put more bait food in the trap but make sure you do not feed the cat in the morning **as they cannot have undigested food in their stomach.**
Note: We strongly recommend trapping and/or feeding in the morning. Trapping and/or feeding at night can attract raccoons or other animals. If you trap a raccoon or other animal please release with caution. Use gloves and do not put your fingers in the cage as trapped animals are unpredictable.
Try to use traps that have a release door at the rear of the trap for release and for feeding during rehab.
10. When the cat is trapped put a sheet or large towel over the trap to calm the cat. Make sure that the cat has sufficient air. Pick up the trap by the handles. Do not put your fingers in the trap and do not try to pet the cat.
Note: Cats will try to escape from the trap and it is normal for them to bloody their noses or paws on the wire cage – **DO NOT RELEASE THE CAT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AS IT WILL BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO CAPTURE THE CAT AGAIN.**
11. Before putting the cat into your vehicle make sure that you put plastic over the carpet and/or seats (cover the backs of seats too) as the cat might urinate, spray or throw up as it is frightened and agitated because it is in a trap.
Note: Plastic tablecloths, shower curtains, tarps or drop cloths work very well to protect the car.
12. Take the cat to the designated veterinary clinic where the pre-arranged appointment has been set –up. Please make sure you have asked about drop off and pickup times when making the appointment.
Note: Drop off time at the Redinger Clinic for Friday appointments is between 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
13. Vet Clinic will spay/neuter the cat, vaccinate for rabies and distemper, tip its ear and administer a pain shot. They will place the cat back in the trap or carrier after surgery.
NOTE: If you are taking the cats to the veterinarian in a carrier instead of a trap please make sure that the carrier is clean as the cat will be put back into the carrier after surgery.
VERY IMPORTANT: ONLY ONE CAT PER CARRIER – NO EXCEPTIONS!
14. Please ask about the pickup time and be on time for both drop off and pickup.
15. When you bring the cat home, place the cat trap on a surface that can be cleaned in case the cat defecates or urinates (garage, screened porch, etc). Place bricks or wooden blocks under the corners/ends of the cage and put plastic and newspaper under the trap so the feces or urine will drop through the wire floor making it easier to keep clean.
Note: Make sure that the recovery location is not too hot in summer or too cold in winter and make sure that it is dry and out of the weather.
Note: DO NOT try to pet the cat or to remove it from the trap when you bring it home as you could be bitten or scratched as the cat will be stressed and unpredictable.
DO NOT let children or other pets touch the cat or try to play with it after surgery.

16. **Male cats** recover very quickly and can be ready for release the evening you bring them home or the next morning (we recommend daylight release). If you keep them overnight make sure that they are in a sheltered area that is dry with a comfortable temperature
You can feed him and give him water by pushing it under the rear door of the trap – remember to secure the door after opening it.

Note: Make sure that before you release the cat that you assess his condition to make sure that he has recovered from the surgery without issue and is capable of being on his own.

17. **Female cats** need to be kept in a sheltered area that is dry with a comfortable temperature until her incision has time to heal; the female cat can be ready for release as soon as 24 hours after surgery or recovery can take several days depending on the situation.
You can feed her and give her water by pushing it under the rear door of the trap – remember to secure the door after opening it.

Note: Make sure that before you release the cat that you assess her condition to make sure that she has recovered from the surgery without issue and is capable of being on her own

Note: Cats cannot regulate their body temperature after anesthesia, so please monitor them to make sure that they are not in distress or bleeding from their Incisions or any other condition that is unusual during recovery after surgery.

18. If the cat has any of the issues listed above please contact your municipality's TNR contact person as soon as you discover the issue.

19. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Make sure that you release the cats back into the colony or the area where they were trapped them as cats will try go back to where they came from.

Most of the time they do not make it.

RELOCATION DOES NOT WORK WITH FREE ROAMING OR FERAL CATS.

NOTE: Please contact your municipality's TNR contact person with questions about the program; appointments for surgery; or for any issues with the cat before or after surgery. Do not contact the spay/neuter clinic directly for appointments or program questions.