

Helpful Tips: How to Trap Community Cats

1. Start a regular feeding schedule

- a. Feed the community at the same time every day for several days to get them on a feeding schedule
- b. Food should be put out for a specific time frame and picked up at the end of the time
- c. This will provide a feeding schedule for the cats, but also deter other wildlife from eating the food

2. Set traps in feeding area (optional)

- a. Bring some traps to the feeding area to get cats comfortable with them
- b. Secure traps in open position and after a few days feed in the traps
 - i. This will get the cats used to going into and out of the traps

3. Set the trap date and make vet appointments.

- a. Know where, when, and how you are getting the cats to the clinic

4. Prep for trapping

- a. Stop feeding the cats 24 hours before trapping. Provide water if the weather is hot but do not feed any regular meals or treats
- b. Clear all food from the area

5. Trap day

- a. Set the traps before feeding time and move away from the area
- b. Always monitor the traps, never leave a trap unattended
- c. Never trap late at night or leave them set overnight; avoid accidental trapping of wildlife

6. After surgery

- a. Cat should remain in the trap overnight
- b. Trap needs to be inside a safe enclosed area; a garage is fine
- c. Cat needs to be kept warm and out of the weather
 - i. Anesthetized cats cannot defend themselves or regulate body temperature.
 - ii. They must be fully recovered before being released.

Things to remember:

1. Always keep traps covered:
 - a. Cats will remain calmer and are less likely to hurt themselves in the trap
2. Remove all food after trapping:
 - a. Adult cats should not eat or drink after 8pm the night before surgery
3. Sick cats cannot be placed under anesthesia:
 - a. If a cat is sick, arrangements to care for it prior to fix is necessary
4. PLEASE clean all traps before returning them
 - a. Rinse off, use dish detergent & water to wipe down trap, rinse off
5. If you are bitten by a cat, seek medical attention immediately

See a video on How to Trap: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wF_omFE7Etc
or, <https://www.alleycat.org/resources/trapping-cats-how-to-trap-an-entire-colony/>

Spay/Neuter Clinic: People for Animals - 609-208-3252
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All CATS: Check in: 7:45am - Pick up: 2:00pm

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