



TRAPKING HUMANE CAT SOLUTIONS TRAP NEUTER RETURN (TNR) TIPS

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

A lot of people want to start trapping right away. It's great to be motivated, but first things first! Make sure you have set appointments or arrangements with your nearest low cost spay/neuter veterinary clinic. You don't want to trap kitties and then have them waiting in the cage for an extended period of time.

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT

It can be really difficult to be quiet and set traps, while trying to explain what you're doing to everyone in the neighborhood. Take the time to speak with people in the community before you set traps. If there is a home owners association (HOA) or apartment manager, let them know what you're doing and why TNR is the only humane way to control the cat population. This way people in the community will understand what you are doing and it will be easier for you to get colony feeders to work with you. You may even locate some other cat lovers in the area willing to help out. It's good have open communications so you can eliminate misunderstandings.



STAY SAFE FOR YOU AND THE KITTIES

Make sure you have your phone charged, a flashlight and flyers to pass out to those you encounter. I make TrapKing tote bags that have a brief description of TNR in English as well as Spanish. This comes in handy when dealing with communication barriers in multicultural neighborhoods.

LET'S DO IT!

Once you've done all the preparation, the next move is to set some traps! I like to use TruCatch traps but there are many others that work too. You can find traps at your local hardware store too. Make sure you have a variety of bait like wet cat food, hard cat food, Temptations treats or my favorite, jack mackerel. I've even used KFC chicken to catch cats. You never know what food the cat will like. You want to set the traps in areas where the felines frequent and aren't "out in the open." They're more likely to go into areas that are somewhat hidden.

CATCHING KITENS

Be careful with trapping kittens. Most clinics will tell you that a cat needs to be over two pounds to handle sedation. Some places require them to be three pounds before they can be spayed/neutered. If you see some really small kitties the best thing to do is leave them alone and monitor the situation. When they are really small, they are best with mom. Monitor the situation from a distance, as momma may just be out getting food. Once the kitties are bigger and no longer nursing, then you can look into trapping mom and her babies.

Got questions?

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