



Appointment date _____

Trap the day/evening before appointment.

HAVE A PLAN

1. Get APPOINTMENTS. 2. ONE week before appointments get traps 3. TRAIN to eat in traps- Do NOT feed cats anywhere except in the traps during this time.

Use the trap as your feeding station to get the cats accustomed to entering. Secure the trap door OPEN for several days before trapping. Use newspaper in the bottom of the trap to keep the area clean. If the newspaper blows or gets wet, remove and replace with clean paper or just leave it bare. Do **NOT** place plastic bowls or plates into the trap. You can use $\frac{1}{2}$ of a paper plate as long as it doesn't cover the trip plate. The trap can be covered or uncovered during trapping. If rain is expected, insert trap into a large garbage bag.

- Kittens that are 2 months can be fixed if they are being returned to live in the colony. If kittens are young and can be socialized, contact local cat rescues before trapping them. If no one will accept them, they can be fixed, ear-tipped and returned to colony.
- Lactating females can be fixed and returned the same day if kittens are very young (under 1 week). Our staff can tell you based upon observation of the mother's nipples.
- Do NOT leave traps unattended or open OVERNIGHT. You may trap a wild animal other than a cat.
- **Training period before appointment:** Start placing food at the front of the trap on the first day and move the food toward the back of the trap each day afterward. Do NOT feed anywhere except in the traps. If neighbors are feeding, work together so that the cats are not eating at other feeding stations.
- **24 hours (or 1 meal) BEFORE** the scheduled day/evening of trapping, provide a very small feeding. If they are hungry, it will increase the success of catching them.
- **When ready to trap:** Place a tablespoon of tuna (or other bait) at the very BACK of the trap through the top. If bait is too close to the trip plate, the cat can lean over without setting it off.
- Set the hook which activates the trip plate. Cover cat when trapped. Move to area that is covered and dry. Feed through the top, cover and hold overnight before surgery. Do NOT open trap doors to insert food or water. If you use wet food, giving cats water is not necessary.
- Do NOT try to transfer cat into a carrier! Ferals should remain in trap for the safety of our staff and the cat.
- Same day surgery clinic. Pickup time later that day.

Call the clinic for trap availability:

Allentown clinic: 1044 N Quebec St. Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday & Friday 610-741-3437

Plains clinic: 10 Gallagher Drive Monday Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday 610-751-9455

Reading clinic: 1500 Brush Valley Rd. Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 610-751-1755