

## TNR Kitsap - Trapping Instructions

*Thank you for being part of the solution to pet overpopulation in Kitsap County.*

**Acclimating:** In order to trap a cat you first need to acclimate the cat to the trap. Set the trap and secure in the “open” position using a twist tie or string. Find a location near where the cat usually eats and close to some bushes or other camouflage. Feed the cat in the trap for several days before setting the trap “live”. In preparation for trapping remove all other food sources in the area for 24 hours before trapping. Do NOT provide food the day before setting the trap. Make sure that others people in the area are not also feeding these cats. All food must be pulled for the cat to go in the trap.

**Trapping:** Set the trap “live” the night before the feral clinic. To set the trap live take a piece of newspaper and put some canned fish (tuna, sardines, mackerel) on the paper. Put the trap on the paper, locating the fish at the far rear of the trap so the cat needs to completely enter the trap to get the food. Set the trap so the trip plate is raised.

Once the cat goes into the trap DO NOT open the trap. DO NOT try to transfer the cat to a carrier or give the cat food or water. The cat needs to have no food or water in preparation for the sterilization surgery.

Cover the trap loosely with a towel or blanket. Bring the cat in the trap and an empty carrier with you to the clinic. Be sure to put down a plastic trash bag and absorbent material (newspaper) under the trap to protect your vehicle.

**Drop off:** Feral cats are to be dropped off in their trap at the truck bay entrance of KHS (to the right of the building) at 7:00 a.m. Crate for post surgery to be supplied by customer.

**Pick ups:** Feral cats should be picked up between 3 - 4 p.m. same day. Report to the front desk for check out followed by pick up at the truck bay entrance door (where drop off was performed). Post surgery feral brochure will be provided with the cat.

**Cost:** Feral cats will be sterilized and ear tipped for \$20. If you cannot afford the fee PAWS of Bainbridge Island & North Kitsap will cover the cost involved.

**Release:** Return the cat to the same area that it was trapped. Relocation will cause disorientation and the cat can be chased off by other cats.

Any kittens can be brought to Kitsap Humane Society along with trapped adults. They will be placed in foster homes and socialized until they are tame enough to be adopted.

Feral Sterilization Clinics are held every other Tuesday at Kitsap Humane Society – 9167 Dickey Rd. NW, Silverdale 98383. 360-692-6977.