

PA PETS TNR (TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN) PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER SUPPORT FOR FERAL, STRAY, and BARN CATS

Good Samaritan/caregiver who is responsible for trapping and transporting cat(s) to/from the clinic.

Name _____ Address _____

CELL Phone# _____ 2nd Phone# (mandatory) _____

Email address _____

Transporter's Name (if different from above): _____ CELL Phone# _____

Number of cats you are applying for: ____ Are any of the cats pregnant (if known)? ____ If yes, how many? _____

Provide exact location/area where cat(s) are located _____

COPAYMENTS:

_____ For household incomes of \$30,000 or less, fee is \$20.00/cat. Check here if this is your income level.

*****Must show proof of adjusted gross income if paying \$20.00/cat. Send proof of income with application. *****

_____ For household incomes greater than \$30,000, fee is \$40.00/cat. Check here if this is your income level.

➤ ***If you have a large colony and need additional assistance, please indicate that on this application.***

Spay/Neuter fee should be made payable to PA PETS TNR Program. All money required for surgery must accompany application. Mail or drop off your application at PA PETS Thrift Store, 203 E. Fifth Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815. You may also put your application in the letter slot. Mark "TNR Program" on envelope and include exact payment amount with application. Store hours Tuesday - Friday 9am-4:30 pm, or Saturday 9am-4:00pm. Do not include the instruction sheets (pgs 2-3) with this one-page application form & copayment.

When your application is approved, a volunteer will contact you with location, date, and drop-off time for the surgery. Each TNR'd cat will receive Rabies and Distemper (FVRCP) vaccines, and its left ear will be tipped (under anesthesia) for S/N identification. **Ear-tipping is the UNIVERSAL TNR SIGNAL that outside cats have been spayed/neutered for their own safety (to avoid a 2nd surgery if trapped again).**

NOTE: Live (box-type) Traps MUST be used to transport all TNR'd cats to/from surgery. NO HARD OR SOFT CARRIERS, BOXES, DOG CRATES, NETS, etc. PA PETS will provide loaner traps for your use at no charge.

Waiver & Release (MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED): I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RELEASE:

In consideration for PA PETS, Inc. providing you with assistance in obtaining spay/neuter services, and/or the loaning of traps for use in trapping and releasing stray, barn & feral cats, it is agreed that you waive and release any claim that you, your dependents, heirs or assigns have or may have in the future against PA PETS, Inc. (and its volunteers, officers and directors) for personal injuries or other damages that is in any way related to those spay/neuter services, and/or the traps or use of traps provided by PA PETS, Inc. (including any claims arising from the condition and operation of the traps, training or alleged lack of training with respect to the proper use of the traps, and any other aspect involving the trapping and transportation of animals in, and release of animals from, those traps).

Signature _____ Date _____ (Revised 06-05-2026)

THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET IS FOR YOUR REFERENCE. DO NOT INCLUDE IT WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

PRE-OP INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY

***** ALL CATS MUST BE BROUGHT IN TRAPS, EVEN IF THEY ARE FRIENDLY *****

PA PETS, Inc. and our PARTICIPATING VETERINARY CLINICS AND HOSPITALS reserve the right to turn away cats that are not transported in Live / Box-Type ("Have-A-Heart" type) traps. Hard or soft carriers, boxes, crates, blankets or nets are FORBIDDEN TO TRANSPORT TNR'd CATS. THIS RULE IS MANDATORY is for the safety of both the cats and vet clinic personnel so the cats can be sedated through the trap's wire mesh before surgery.

IF YOU NEED LOANER TRAPS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE PA PETS TNR PROGRAM VOLUNTEER WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE INITIAL CALL FROM PA PETS TO ASSESS YOUR SITUATION AND TO START PLANNING YOUR TRAPPING AND VET CLINIC APPOINTMENTS. WE WILL ONLY SCHEDULE YOUR VET CLINIC APPOINTMENT(S) ONCE YOU HAVE PICKED UP LOANER TRAPS, IF NEEDED. PA PETS volunteers will instruct you regarding who to call to pick up loaner traps and will show you how to use the traps. Loaner traps **MUST** be returned after each trapping episode (for multiple cats) unless other arrangements have been made. **Traps must be cleaned and sanitized before they are returned.**

TRAPPING TIPS:

1. Cover the top and sides of the trap(s) with a bath towel, sheet, or small blanket (leaving both ends open to create a "tunnel." Keep the trap covered BEFORE it's "set" (See #2), once it's "set" to trap, and after the cat is trapped while you hold it quietly overnight and while you transport it to/from the clinic. This is much less stressful for any cat. During rainy weather or in a wet environment, you can use the towel cover as well as a large black plastic bag to open and slip around the entire trap (including the towel) and tie just behind the open end so as not to interfere with the release mechanism when the cat enters (once the trap is "set." This will protect the food and the cat from the rain and/or wet ground. Be sure to remove the plastic bag once the cat is trapped, but keep a dry towel covering the trap.
2. For a few days before scheduled surgery, put the wet cat food (or tuna fish, sardines or other stinky fish) inside the trap on a small paper plate (at the far end of the trap) with the "safety lock" or with twist ties on the flapper door to secure it open so the cats become comfortable going in and out of the trap.
3. **One day before you set the traps, DO NOT PUT ANY FOOD OUT FOR ANY CATS.** This will cause them to be hungry by the next day when you set the traps. The traps should be set the afternoon/evening on day before surgery. **Don't forget to disengage the "safety lock" and/or remove the twist ties BEFORE you place the stinky food inside (at the far end of the trap), set the trap and cover it with a towel, sheet or small blanket. BE SURE to place various traps far enough away from each other so when one trap snaps closed, it won't scare off any cats near other traps.**
4. **You MUST check your trap(s) every 30 minutes to ensure that a trapped cat is not left in the trap outside.** After cat is in a trap, the trap MUST be put in a quiet area with the towel, sheet or blanket covering the trap so the cat feels more secure. Cats will often be scared and bang around inside the trap trying to escape. Using a towel, sheet or small blanket over the trap and placing it in a quiet area will help ease their anxiety.

5. In the warm months, place the traps in the shade in a cool location with the towel/sheet covering the top and side of the trap but leaving the front and back ends open for airflow. GOOD VENTILATION IS KEY to keeping the cat from overheating in the trap. In the cool or COLD months, bring the trapped cats inside a garage or shed and place the trap(s) on top of layers of cardboard and newspaper to absorb urine, feces, or vomit, and to minimize the cold from a cement floor chilling the metal trap and the trapped cat inside. Be SURE the trap is covered with the towel or blanket covering all sides and ends of the trap to maintain minimum warmth for the trapped cat.
6. **YOU MUST NOT SET TRAPS AND GO TO BED.** *If no cats are trapped, REMOVE ANY FOOD from the traps and shut them down for the night to avoid trapping skunks, raccoons, opossums, etc.*
7. Cats should be without food or water for several hours before surgery, ideally 6 or more hours.

DO NOT OPEN TRAP FOR ANY REASON. A CAT WHO ESCAPES A TRAP IS SELDOM CAUGHT AGAIN.

TRANSPORTING CATS IN TRAPS:

When transporting cats to your scheduled surgery location, put something waterproof (a large black garbage bag covered with newspapers) between the trap and your car seat/floor. Try not to transport trapped cats in an open truck since this will scare them and reduce their body temperature inside the traps. If you are bringing a large number of cats and MUST use a truck for transportation, please cover the traps securely with a sheet or blanket and then add a tarp securely over the top of the traps to protect the trapped cats from the cold, the rain and wind.

At surgery check-in at the Vet Clinic, you will be given an approximate pick-up time for your cat(s) later that day, and you will likely be told that you will be called for pickup. ***BE SURE THAT THE CLINIC HAS 2 PHONE NUMBERS To REACH YOU QUICKLY. SOME CLINICS WILL CHARGE EXTRA FOR CATS NOT PICKED UP QUICKLY WHEN CALLED.***

Instructions will be given at time of pick up explaining how long to leave cats in the trap or confined area to recuperate from anesthesia, keeping them safe from predators before releasing them to same location where they were trapped.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE PA PETS TNR PROGRAM.

WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO HELP THESE FERAL/STRAY/BARN CATS!