



Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Pre-Surgery Instructions

The instructions below must be followed on the day of your appointment to ensure efficient check-in and check-out processes. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in refusal of service. It is okay if the cat has a small portion of food in the morning if you are trapping the morning of your appointment. Do not attempt to feed cats that have already been trapped.

Before your appointment:

- Make sure you have a trap to humanely capture the cat(s). Rescue Village offers a trap rental program by appointment. Call (440) 338-4819 ext. 14 if you need to rent a trap for a full refundable security deposit.
- Hard plastic cat carriers for social cats that are no smaller than 24" long x 12" high x 12" wide will be accepted. If the cat is feral and in a carrier, they will not be accepted for services.
- **Cats in soft/mesh, folding, or cardboard carriers will NOT be accepted for services.**
- Only ONE cat per trap and/or carrier.
- Label your traps/carriers clearly with YOUR (the caretakers) first and last name and phone number. If the traps/carriers are not labeled we will not perform TNR services on the cats.

On the day of your appointment:

- Check-in: 7:30am-8:00am you will come back the same day anytime between 4:00pm-4:30pm to pick up the cat(s).
- Late arrivals will not be accepted as we must begin surgery promptly and on time. If you are late picking up you must call (440) 338-4819 ext. 14 and leave a message. Failure to do so will result in you needing to pick the cat(s) up the following morning at 8:00am or the county Humane Agent being notified of abandonment of the cat(s).
- When you arrive, signs will be directing you to park in front of the Animal Intake entrance in front of our shelter, located to the far left of the main entrance. **Park and remain in your vehicle.**
- If you are not parked in front of the intake entrance we will not know you have arrived for TNR services.

The TNR program is ONLY for unowned, feral, and free-roaming community cats who will be returned to their outdoor living environment from where they were trapped. All cats will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies and against respiratory disease and panleukopenia. The left-ear will be tipped to identify the cats as spayed/neutered community cats. Program resources and licensing are limited and we cannot perform additional services outside of spay/neuter and vaccines.