

Trap- Neuter- Release (TNR) Program

What is a TNR Program?

Feral cats (cats that are not social and live without human contact) that reside in Rancho Cucamonga can be humanely trapped and brought to the Animal Center for spay or neuter. Once altered, the cat will be returned to the responsible party (caretaker) to be release in the area it was trapped. Trapping, neutering, and releasing healthy feral cats reduces the overall number of unwanted cats and kittens living in our community.

How do I become a TNR Participant?

- Stop by the Animal Center and fill out the TNR Request Form. TNR participants must be Rancho Cucamonga residents and be trapping cats on their own property or business in Rancho Cucamonga.
- Work with the Animal Center to coordinate trapping feral cats with scheduled surgery days.

How do I Trap a Feral Cat?

- Obtain a humane cat trap from the Animal Center (\$60 refundable deposit) or purchase your own humane trap.
- Set the trap overnight in a secure, safe location that is protected from the elements. Consider placing the trap near a fence line, near bushes, or alongside the house. We recommend using canned food or another strong odor food to attract the feral cat. Finally, place a towel or blanket over the trap to create a dark space to help the cat feel safe when entering the trap.
- Please be aware you may not catch the intended cat on the first try. If this occurs, carefully open the trap and release the animal that was caught and reset the trap.



I was Successful. Now what?

Bring the cat to the Animal Center during normal business hours (please be advised we are closed most holidays). Inform the front office you have a feral cat for the TNR program. The office staff will take in the cat and schedule it for the next available spay and neuter appointment. Once the cat is spayed or neutered, the office staff will contact you to pick up the cat. Most cats are ready to be picked up the same day of surgery.

What is included in the TNR Program?

The TNR program is free for cats residing in Rancho Cucamonga. TNR cats will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, treated for parasites and ear-tipped. Ear-tipping is a common practice to identify feral cats that have already been spayed or neutered.

Continued Care for TNR Cats.

Your TNR cat will not have sutures that need to be removed. Once home, evaluate the cat for release. If the cat is awake and alert it can be released back to the location it was trapped. If the cat is lethargic, allow it to stay in the cage and recover overnight. In the morning, you can open the door to the cage and allow the cat to come out when it is ready. TNR caretakers are responsible for providing food and water, protection from the elements and veterinary care as needed.