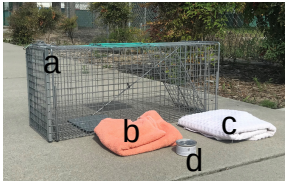


## Setting the Trap



1. Collect your materials
  - a. Trap
  - b. Cover for trigger plate
  - c. Cover for trap
  - d. Bait



2. Cover the trigger plate



3. Lift the back panel of the trap and place the bait behind the trigger plate



4. Cover the trap  
(make sure the trap is fully covered)



5. Disengage and lift the spring loaded door by lifting the tab along with the door.



6. Set the hook to hold the door open



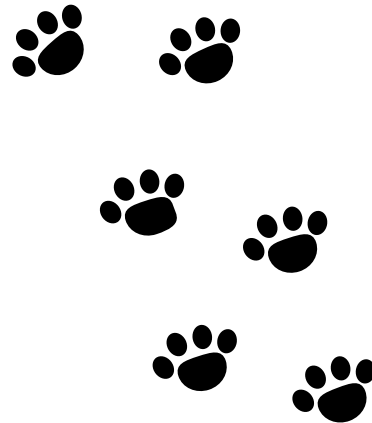
7. Place the trap in your trapping location

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## Trap/Shelter Neuter Return (TNR) Guide



**BE SURE TO CHECK THE TRAP OFTEN!**

The purpose of the TNR program is to spay and neuter feral cats to reduce the number of unwanted litters and improve the outcome for cats entering the Animal Center.

1. The TNR program is free for cats residing in Rancho Cucamonga.

2. 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.



3. Cats that enter the Animal Center through the TNR program will be assessed for adoptability.

- a. Friendly cats may be kept at the Center and placed for adoption.
- b. Moms with kittens may be placed in our foster care program. If mom is determined to be feral, she may be returned once kittens are weaned.
- c. In rare cases, cats that are too sick or injured may be humanely euthanized.

4. Cats may **not** be relocated to another location.

5. All animal cruelty laws apply to trapped animals. Trapped animals must be protected from inclement weather and kept out of direct sunlight. Cats may **not** remain in traps for extended periods of time. If animals are trapped at night, you are responsible for calling Field Services first thing in the morning.

6. When a dog or cat is trapped, it is the trapper's responsibility to notify the owner, if known, or surrender the animal to Rancho Cucamonga Animal Services Department. If a wild animal is trapped it must be immediately released, or call Field Services for assistance.

7. Any violations of these guidelines could possibly result in citations issued to violators.



### Additional TNR Benefits

Reduces behaviors associated with mating hormones: yowling, spraying, fighting, etc.

Reduces the number of cats entering the shelter, making room for cats who need our services

Improves public (and feline) health through vaccinations

## Tips and Tricks for Trapping Cats

### Get them comfortable with the trap

Feed cats out of unset traps in their normal feeding locations for a week or two before trapping. Start with the food right by the entrance of the trap and gradually move it closer to the back each day.

### Cover the trap

By placing a dark towel over the trap, without blocking the door, you create a space that looks dark, hidden, and safe to cats.

### Use an exciting bait

Something extra smelly and tasty, and perhaps out of the ordinary, might pique a cat's interest. Try jarred baby food, canned mackerel, or chicken.

### Make a food trail

Coax cats into the trap with a trail of tiny food scraps leading up to and then inside the trap. Gradually increase the size of the bait scraps as you place them on the trigger plate and beyond. Make sure you don't use too much; you don't want the cat to get full before she reaches the trigger plate! You can also try using the smelly broth of canned cat food or meats as your bait trail.

### Observe habits

Just like you have paths you walk every day, so do community cats! Be observant and watch for the trails that cats most often take. Note if there's a certain tree or bush they like to sleep under, and what time of day they're most likely to be in a specific area. Set up the traps at these places and times.

### Go high-tech

If a shy kitten or a mother cat refuses to enter a trap, your cellphone may just help you out. Find a video of kittens meowing and play it on your phone, then place the phone at the back of your box or drop trap. Kittens who are scared and alone may race to join the "other kittens" in the trap. The mother cat may think her kittens are calling for her and enter the trap to find them.

### Trapping Days:

**SUNDAY NIGHT - TUESDAY NIGHT**

Field Service Officers will contact you Monday - Wednesday to arrange for pick up. Trapped animals will be picked up before 5PM.

**Do not trap animals on Holidays**

**Field Services Dispatch:  
909-466-7387, option 1**