

Panther City Feral Cat Coalition General Information

We are a 501c3 volunteer group committed to reducing the feral and community cat population in Fort Worth and Tarrant County through TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return).

What we do:

- 1) Loan trapping equipment
- 2) Provide information and teach how to TNVR.

What we don't do except in extenuating circumstances:

- 1) Cat relocation
- 2) Rescue or foster cats or kittens (there are other groups who do this)
- 3) Adopt out cats or kittens (there are other groups who do this)
- 4) Perform TNVR beyond a first instruction session.

We try to assist the elderly/ handicapped who do not have others to assist them, but because we are all volunteers, we rely on home and business owners to learn and actively participate in the TNVR process. It is not difficult, but it is time consuming for around 1-2 weeks. We highly recommend that you take 30 minutes to read up on the benefits of TNVR at these websites:

- **Alley Cat Allies** www.alleycat.org
- **The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT)** participates in TNVR and discusses the benefits at their website <https://www.hsnt.org/services/>

Basic Trapping:

Trapping is not difficult, but requires attention and can be time consuming, depending on the number of cats, weather, etc. Detailed instructions are provided along with our loaned traps. A safe place is required for 24-72 hour recuperation. Alleycat.org has trapping videos on line. Search "tutorials and trapping"

Where to get Traps for Feral Cats or Friendly/Community Cats:

- **Borrow traps**
 - **PCFCC** contact Karen Quackenbush at (615) 887-8987, (682) 224-3515, or kqnash@gmail.com We do ask for a \$50 per trap **REFUNDABLE** deposit
 - **Humane Society of North Texas** by emailing clinic@HSNT.org
 - **Feral Friends** www.feralfriends.org
- **Buy traps**
 - Hardware and feed stores or online <http://www.trucatchtraps.com/>

- Pet stores, Walmart, Target, etc.
- Harbor Freight has a trap for \$20

TNVR or Low Cost Spay & Neuter Facilities:

(NOTE: The information in this section has not been updated recently. For current information, visit each facility's website.)

Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) www.texasforthem.org 940-566-5551 Permanent facilities in Burleson, Hurst, north Fort Worth by Alliance Airport, Weatherford, Denton and Allen

- Spay/neuter the first 12 feral (non-friendly) cats over 2 lbs that arrive **in live traps** between 8-9am most weekdays (\$5 which includes a rabies shot)
- However, Pregnancy can cost \$20-40 -- a good reason to TNR before spring!
- Arrive between 7- 7:30 am. Best arrival time varies by location
- Other vaccines, FIV/FELV testing, dewormer and topical flea treatment are also available at a low cost.
- Pick up is the same day between 3-5pm depending on location and volume.

Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) www.hsnt.org/community-cat-services/

- TNVR and Return To Field (RTF) program. Stray cats must pass HSNT's medical exam to enter the program.
- \$25 TNR at their spay/neuter clinic on the first and last Tuesdays of the month. Low cost spay/neuter, vaccines & microchips. Appointments are available other days.
- Applications for **low income discounts** and special event pricing also.
- Email clinic@hsnt.org for more information and appointments.

Spay Neuter Network www.spayneuternet.org 972-472-3741

- Free spay/neuter, microchips, and rabies vaccines for Fort Worth residents (\$20 **refundable** deposit).
- Friendly cats above 2 lbs in hard carriers. Feral cats in traps.
- Appointments scheduled on line or by phone.
- Several mobile and transport locations listed on their website.

Feral Friends www.feralfriends.org email feral@feralfriends.org

- Fill out a caregiver agreement form (found online) to receive an identification number for each cat you wish to neuter
- With that number, feral cats can be taken to participating vets (listed on website) by appointment
- Donation of whatever you are able to pay is requested, from 0 to \$40 male cat or \$50 female

Relocating Cats:

Abandonment of an animal (dropping it at another location without providing for its welfare) is a violation of FWACC code and considered Abuse and Neglect, punishable by a fine up to \$2,000.00.

Ferals – This is **NOT** recommended unless the cats are in immediate danger (eg. building demolition) and/or all other diplomatic avenues have been exhausted. It takes time and commitment to relocate feral cats humanely and should only be done after they are fixed and vaccinated.

Requirements:

- A large cage to introduce the cat to the new location. Recommended cage time is minimum 2 weeks and the cat is usually pretty unhappy. Cages can be borrowed from PCFCC or rescue organizations.
- There is a program called Barn Cats, but there is usually a long wait list.

Friendly - Contact animal rescues and adoption facilities. Try Next Door and Facebook DFW Cat Rescue Network and DFW Networking Cats and Kittens in Need.

Kittens - Leave them alone, provide food to mom, and handle them as much as possible. At 5-6 weeks, they should be eating solid food and can be brought inside for full socializing and mama should be spayed. At 8-9 weeks and 2-3 lbs, they are ready for spay/neuter and adoption. **The SPCA and HSNT will spay the mother for free if you surrender a litter.**

Large TNVR Projects (neighborhood or business campus):

Get neighbors, family and friends involved. Ask for a representative from FWACC, HSNT, PCFCC, SPCA, etc, to speak to your neighborhood about TNVR. Consider starting a group of volunteer caregivers for your neighborhood.

If you need further assistance, please **provide the following information** along with your questions and/or requests to info@fortworthferals.org and we will get back to you as soon as possible:

- 1) The complete address with zip code where the cats are located,
- 2) Contact information for you and the cats' caretaker, if that is not you
- 3) The number and age of cats and kittens in the colony/area,
- 4) Condition of cats: healthy, sick, pregnant, feral, friendly, etc.

5) Pictures of the cats are helpful

Thank you for your kindness and concern for feral and community cats!

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