



Borough of Highlands Trap Neuter and Return Program Colony Caretaker Registration Form

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Driver License Number: _____

Colony Caretaker Rules and Regulations

I understand that as part of my participation with the Borough of Highlands TNR Program, I agree that:

1. I am responsible for keeping the feeding stations for my colony neat and clean, providing fresh food and water for my colony every day, keeping accurate data on all cats in my colony including newcomers and kittens and reporting this data to the MCSPCA on a monthly basis.
2. I will allow MCSPCA personnel to trap feral cats for sterilization and to check that proper care is given to the colony. I will only trap feral cats if I am given prior approval by the MCSPCA Coordinator in charge of TNR programs.
3. If I am given approval to trap feral cats, I will not use the trap(s) to knowingly capture any cat with a home; to capture a healthy animal to be euthanized; for any unlawful purpose; or to capture any cat for research/testing purposes whatsoever.
4. All feral cats in the MCSPCA Trap/Neuter/Return program will receive a spay or neuter, rabies and distemper vaccinations, ear tip and microchip. Any other medical treatment will be done on a case by case need by the veterinarian.
5. In some cases it may be necessary to euthanize cats and/or kittens whose physical conditions may prevent them from having a quality life and that this decision will be made by the MCSPCA veterinarians. I further agree that I will not hold the MCSPCA or veterinarian(s) liable or responsible for the decision of their actions.

Upon signing below, I hereby agree to all rules and regulations stated above. DATE: _____

Caretaker Name: _____ Signature _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

MCSPCA Approval: _____ Highlands Approval: _____

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

MCSPCA Trap/Neuter/Release Program

Trapping Tips

Before You Trap

Familiarize yourself with the Trap-Neuter-Return process and plan your trapping day in advance. Throughout all of your trapping endeavors, plan ahead to ensure the safety and well-being of the cats and reduce your own stress.

- Coordinate with other caregivers who may be feeding the cats, and prepare the cats for trapping by feeding on a schedule and in a designated feeding area.
- Assess the colony to see how many cats need to be trapped.
- Determine a safe, temperature-controlled location where you will be able to hold the cats after surgery while they recover.
- Gather and prepare all of the appropriate equipment and understand how it all works ahead of time and practice. It is important to test all traps, to ensure that the traps will work.
- Withhold food 24 hours before trapping, and you are ready to start trapping.

Trapping

- On the day-of, prepare the traps by lining the bottom with newspaper, tagging with a location description, and baiting.
- Set the traps and watch them from afar.
- Once a cat is trapped, cover the trap - this will help keep the cat calm.
- Ahead of time, learn how to deal with particularly hard-to-trap cats.
- Never leave a trap unattended
- Use stinky cat food such as, wet canned food, tuna fish, sardines or mackerel to bait the trap. Canned sardines or Fried Chicken may also be used for tough cats
- Place a sheet over the trap once it is set, the sheet will help calm the cat down once it is trapped.

Post-Surgery

- Transport the cats safely back to your secure, indoor location where cats will be in a temperature-controlled environment, dry, and away from danger.
- Monitor the cats for any illness.
- For your safety and the cats keep them in their covered cages at all times.
- Feed the cats eight hours or so after surgery.
- Return the cats to the exact location where they were trapped.
- Clean the traps.

Feeding Stations

- Provide adequate food and water for the cats on a regular basis, year-round. Feed during daylight hours for your safety and so that you can easily assess the members of the colony. We recommend feeding colony cats at dawn and dusk.
- Some colonies find shelter for themselves in a shed or under a building where their safety is uncertain. You might want to consider building a shelter for the cats. It can keep them safe from the elements and help you control their location and deter them from neighbors' properties.

Highlands TNR Program Caregiver Log

Sponsored by Monmouth SPCA

Caregiver Manager Name _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Colony Address if different _____

Cat No	Neuter Spay Date	Breed/Color	Sex, if known	Microchip Number	Age:			Status: Adopted Released Unknown	Comments and Date of Status
					Kitten	Juvenile	Adult Senior		
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8									

I understand and will abide by all the rules of the Highlands/Monmouth County TRAP/NEUTER/RELEASE program listed in the Borough Code 5.16.

Date: _____

Signed: _____