



TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) Training

- Volunteer orientation (Ex. Dir)
- Review of TNR Volunteer Job Description (Ex Dir.)
- Review of Trapper Checklist (Trapping Coordinator)

Trapping Basics

- Per the TNR ordinance Sec. 531-407, trapping will be suspended in extreme weather. Weather temperatures below 20° Fahrenheit and above 90° Fahrenheit shall be deemed extreme/inclement.
 - In summer, do not leave cats sitting in the direct sun or humid weather as they can overheat rapidly (a panting cat is overheating and should be moved to a cool are immediately)
 - In Winter, cover with heavy blankets.
 - In rain, wrap a trap with a trash bag or cover with a tarp.
- Never leave traps unattended or outdoors overnight (traps may be stolen, damaged, set off, wildlife can be caught, or somebody could harm a cat in a trap)
- Keep the trapped cats covered with a trap cover in a temperature-controlled area and protected from extreme weather.
- Do not attempt to touch or handle the cat in the trap. Serious injury could occur.
- If food is already in the trap don't open the trap door to remove the food. The cat may escape.
- Trapped cats should always be covered with a sheet/blanket during transport.
- Cats must be transported inside a vehicle.
 - Do not transport cats in the back of a pick-up truck (truck bed- must be enclosed cab)
 - Do not transport a cat in a trunk (unless the back seats can be folded down for proper air circulation)
 - Line your car with a tarp, towels, or newspapers to protect from accidents.
 - Please play music at a low level when transporting cats to help reduce their stress.
- Never open a trap/crate/carrier outdoors or in the field. Confined cats can be unpredictable, **regardless of temperament**. Always make sure you are in an enclosed room with limited hiding spots. Examples are uncluttered garage, bathroom or walk-in closet or the clinic.



Hands on Demonstration

- How to set a trap
- How to feed a cat in a trap and change the paper
- How to Use a Drop Trap Demonstration

Tips for Hard to Trap Cats

- Extend the trip plate with cardboard.
- Download kittens and mom cat meowing on YouTube
- Traps end to end / Using kittens for bait and vice versa with mom.
- Cover the trap so it looks like a hidey hole.
- Cover the sides and top of the trap so it looks like a tunnel they can escape from.
- Trap acclimation. Let the cat eat out of the trap with the sliding door open so the cat is used to eating in the trap before the day of trapping.

Handouts/ Videos

- [Trapping Cats with a Drop Trap - Flyer](#)
- **Video** "A Drop Trap Catches More Cats" [A Drop Trap Catches More Cats](#)
- Tips for Hard to Trap Cats [Tips for hard to catch cats](#)
- [INC Stray Cat Brochure](#)
- Dos and Don'ts of Stress Reduction for Cats and For Trappers
- [Cruelty Flyer](#)
- [Indianapolis Humane Colony Notice – Do Not Disturb](#)
- Video [Step by Step Guide for TNR](#)



Supplies to Consider in Your Car

- Bait for traps.
- Plastic spoons or forks for scooping the bait into the traps.
- Newspapers to line the traps.
- Painters or masking tape
- Trap covers.
- Green Trap tags
- Gloves
- Antibacterial hand wipes or gel,
- Paper towels for cleaning your hands or wiping up any messes.
- Bungee cords or rope for securing traps in the car so they don't slide around.
- Cardboard
- Large plastic trash bags.

How to Address Nuisance Issues /Neighbor Concerns?

- Review Neighbor Mediation Tips
- What to do if Neighbors Complain [What to do if neighbors complain](#)
- How to Live with Cats in Your Neighborhood [Ho to live with cats in your neighborhood](#)
- **Video** "Tips on cats and gardens/landscape" [How to keep cats off my yard and out of my garden](#)
- Relocation/Barn Cats/Feeding Teams

For Additional Education about Community Cats Visit: Alley Cat Allies

<https://www.alleycat.org/>

Volunteer _____ Date _____

TNR Trainer _____ Date _____