



Trapper Checklist

Before you trap

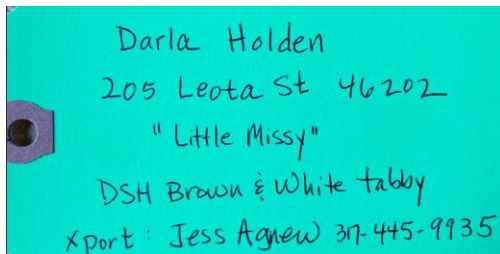
- Receive assignment from the trapper coordinator.
- Visit caretaker/colony for assessment and planning of TNR. Tip (program caretaker info in your phone so you have it handy while trapping)
- Ensure cats are on a regular feeding schedule before TNR. (Identify specific feeding times/are other neighbors feeding the same cats?)
- Develop a plan for special considerations.
 - Ill, injured, or senior cats (any cat not thriving) / how to access medical care.
 - Nursing mom and kittens
 - What to do if you find kittens (watch, watch, evaluate)
 - kittens (3 mo.+ TNR)
 - friendly cats
 - hard to catch cats.
 - Extreme weather considerations
 - Mass trappings 15+ (discuss with trapping coordinator)
- Assess willingness and ability for the client to assist (note physical, cognitive, scheduling and time limitations, etc.)
- Caretaker agreement / release form **must** be signed prior to trapping.
Take a picture of the completed first page. Text or email release to Lisat@indyneighborhoodcats.org or Dawn@indyneighborhoodcats.org Schedule trapping dates with Lisa or Dawn.
- Pick up traps and supplies (as needed) from FIDO warehouse during open hours Sun 12-3p or Wed 3-6p FIDO 1505 N Sherman Dr 46201 (Special considerations can be made with Dawn or Lisa to access the property and get supplies. Please do not ring the doorbell and ask FIDO to give you access)

Trapping Plan Pre-Work

- Contact the caretaker and speak with them. Provide caretaker with:
 - Scheduled trapping dates.
 - Several Reminders to withhold food (24 hrs. before trapping)
 - Trapping tips as appropriate in writing and verbally if possible.
 - Offer educational material or resources they may find helpful.
 - Leave door hangers reminding neighbors not to feed cats the day before trapping.
 - Write date/times of trapping.
 - Write the INC helpline number (even though it is on the door hanger)
 - Tell them when the cats will be returned.

Execute Trapping (day of)

- Schedule trapping based on the cats feeding schedule.
- Oversee and coordinate safe trapping and transport of the cats to the clinic for Spay/Neuter and for return.
- Complete trap tags **legibly** using the format on this tag.



- If cat has known medical issue, put a capital "M" in the top left corner of the tag. List the medical issue on the back of the tag.
- If the cat is known to be pregnant, put a capital "P" in the top left corner of the tag.

Post Trapping (wrap up)

- While we always want 100% of the cats trapped, 90% is considered TNR compete. Every attempt should be made to catch females.
- Inform caretaker of return date/reschedule trapping if not all the cats are captured (this can be coordinated with Lisa or Dawn)
- Return cats and provide caretaker with sx paperwork, INC magnet, thank you letter. Discuss any medical issues that need monitoring.
- Return traps and supplies to FIDO for cleaning as appropriate.
 - Please coordinate with Dawn during warehouse hours as outlined in your prework.