



Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals

TNR Info for Caretakers

Clinic address: 516 N Link Ln, Fort Collins, CO 80524

Leslie's Phone #: (970) 224-1467

What is TNR?

TNR stands for **Trap Neuter Return**. Once a month, we humanely trap feral and stray cats, neuter or spay them, vaccinate them, treat them for medical conditions, then either return them to their colonies or place them in foster care if they are adoptable. TNR is evidence-based and is the most efficient and humane way to decrease feral cat numbers and stop the mass euthanasia of these cats in shelters.

What is our TNR process?

1. You reach out to our cofounder and organizer, Leslie @ (970) 224-1467, and let her know you need feral/stray cats trapped (can be at your home, business, etc.). She will collect details like address, number of cats, and more. She will let you know the next date we have availability to trap at your colony (a Saturday).
2. The Thursday before the trapping, your trapping volunteer will call you to confirm details and ensure you **DO NOT FEED THE CATS STARTING FRIDAY MORNING**. This is critical: a cat that isn't hungry won't risk entering all the way into a trap. If you miss their call, please **call or text them back ASAP**.
3. On Saturday afternoon, your trapping volunteer will arrive and trap as many cats as possible. It is ideal if you or another person familiar with the cats is present at arrival and throughout the evening. The trapped cats are brought to our heated/cooled, secure clinic in Fort Collins and kept safely overnight.
 - a. The trapping volunteer may not be able to trap every cat; this is common. You can try to get back on the list to have another volunteer trap for you, or we strongly encourage you to **borrow traps from us** instead and trap the remaining cats yourself. Feel free to ask your volunteer trapper for a tutorial. Either way, you can reach out to Leslie @ (970) 224-1467 to discuss your options.
 - b. We will collect payment at the end of the night: \$40/feral cat, \$50/tame cat you want returned. We take **cash or checks only**. If you are unable to pay, please discuss with Leslie beforehand.
4. Sunday is clinic day: veterinarians perform spay/neuters, vaccinations, medical issue treatments, and ear-tip the cats (an ear-tip is a small removal of the tip of the left ear under anesthesia to indicate the cat is feral, sterilized, and belongs to a colony). While the cats are in surgery, their traps are cleaned so they have a comfy spot to recover and spend one more night at the clinic.
5. On Monday morning, if you have consented on your release form and there is capacity, tame cats and kittens in need of a home will be placed with our foster/adoption partners. All other cats will be returned to their colonies by a volunteer driver. Your volunteer driver will call you before they head out from the clinic with an arrival estimate. You do not need to be home when the cats are returned. The cats can be fed as usual.