

# TNR Workshop

*Garlic City Kitty Rescue*

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# Overview

- Review benefits of TNR
- Provide trapping tips and advice
- Provide local resources



# What is TNR?

- Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a humane and effective approach for stray and community cats.
- Process:
  - Cats are trapped and taken to a veterinarian. (spay/neuter clinic) to be neutered and vaccinated.
  - After recovery, the cats are returned to their home outdoors.
  - Kittens and cats who are friendly/socialized to people may be adopted into homes.
- TNR improves the lives of outdoor cats and improves their relationships with the people who live near them.

# Benefits of TNR

- Colonies diminish in size over time.
- Unpleasant behaviors cease, like roaming, yowling, spraying, and fighting.
- The cats' physical health improves (e.g. vaccinations, reduced fighting).
- More sustainable than relocating (opens up territorial void).
- Reduces need for and is less expensive than euthanasia.
- Creates opportunities for community outreach and education.

## Population Growth Chart

Year	Active Females	Kittens Born	Kittens Surviving	Females Surviving	Fertile Females	Active thru Year #	Deaths	Population
			2	1	1	4		2
1	1	12	6	3	3	5		8
2	4	48	24	12	11	6		32
3	15	180	90	45	41	7		122
4	56	672	336	168	151	8	2	456
5	206	2,472	1,236	618	556	9	6	1,686
6	759	9,108	4,554	2,277	2,049	10	24	6,216
7	2,797	33,564	1,782	8,391	7,552	11	90	2,2908

## How to Trap Cats for TNR: Before you Trap

- Identify the spots where the cats spend their time.
- Communicate with neighbors about your TNR plans and find out who and when they are feeding.
- If they are being fed, coordinate with them on trapping plans.
- If no one is currently feeding the cats, it may be helpful to start feeding on schedule and in a designated area, if only temporarily.
- Borrow traps and make spay/neuter appointments **before** your trap.

## Before You Trap (continued)

- Create a plan and schedule for the trapping, transport, and return of the cats.
- Determine a safe, indoor 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 works ahead of time. Test traps each time to ensure that the trip plate works.
- Line the back seat of the transport vehicle with a plastic tarp.
- Have anyone who is feeding the cats withhold food for at least 24 hours before trapping.

## Trapping Tips

- Trap at the time of feeding (usually dawn or dusk).
- Prepare the traps by lining the bottom with newspaper or poster board cut to size.
- Set “bait” in the back corner of the trap (tuna packed in oil, sardines in oil, or Original Recipe KFC).
- Make a trail of bait from the front to the back of the trap. Also drizzle some outside of the entrance of the trap.
- Be sure the back door is latched properly!
- Set the traps and watch them from afar.
- Once a cat is trapped, cover the trap immediately and remove the cat from the feeding area.
- Secure the traps in your vehicle and head to the vet or clinic for spay/neuter check-in.



## Post -Surgery

- After surgery keep the cats in the covered trap at all times.
- Transport the cats safely back to a secure, indoor location for recovery (1 night, or 2 nights for pregnant spayed females).
- Monitor the cats for illness.
- Feed the cats 4-8 hours after surgery.
- Return the cats to the exact location where they were trapped.

## Next Steps

- Disinfect the traps in between trapping sessions.
- Check all future cats for ear tips.
- Be patient and persistent!
- Difficult cats may need other methods like drop trapping.
- Get advice from an experienced TNR volunteer.
- Contact us to Volunteer! (408) 846-1617; [info@garliccitykittyrescue.org](mailto:info@garliccitykittyrescue.org)

# Cat Spay/Neuter Resources

## **Santa Clara County Animal Shelter in San Martin, CA**

12425 Monterey Road, San Martin, CA 95046

Ph. (408) 686-3900

Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Services are on **Tuesday & Thursday** mornings at 8 am.

Pick up time is 4 pm. Cats must be in trap. 1 cat per property. Only 20 cats will be neutered per day. Get in line early! Cats from Gilroy, San Martin, Morgan Hill or the unincorporated areas of San Jose.

**FREE**

## **Snip Bus**

(408) 925-967-1001 call Susan

SnipBus.org

In Hollister, CA or Prunedale, CA

Costs range from \$80 - \$115.00

## **Humane Society of Silicon Valley**

408-262-2133

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

901 Ames Avenue

Milpitas, CA

## **Spay & Neuter Clinic of Parajo Valley**

150 Pennsylvania Road

Watsonville, CA 95076

(831) 818-5007

Low Cost, call for info.

## **Monterey SPCA**

1002 Monterey

Salinas Hwy, Salinas, ca 93908

(831) 373-2631

Surgery by appointment only!

Make appointment online at [spcamc.org](http://spcamc.org)

## **Nine Lives Foundation**

3137 Jefferson Avenue

Redwood City, CA 94062

(650) 368-1365

Call for an appointment

## **Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**

(650) 340-7022

1450 Rollins Rd,

Burlingame, CA,, 94010

\$50 per cat by appointment only

## **Pet Maintenance & Repair**

### **Veterinary Hospital**

(831)272-3411

17809 Countryside Ct, Salinas, CA

93907

## Where to Get Traps

- Contact us to borrow a trap (\$100 refundable deposit) [tnr@garliccitykittyrescue.org](mailto:tnr@garliccitykittyrescue.org)
- AARF @ [tnr@aarflove.org](mailto:tnr@aarflove.org)
- 13th Street Cat Rescue [tnr@13thstreetcatrescue.org](mailto:tnr@13thstreetcatrescue.org)
- County of Santa Clara Animal Shelter, San Martin may have some (408) 686-3900
- To buy traps, look online for Tomahawk Brand Traps. We like this model:
- 606NC - 30" Cat Trap <http://bit.ly/tomahawk-trap>
- Tractor Supply sells traps
- Home Depot
- Lowes



Questions??

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## Suggested Trapping Supplies

- ❑ Traps
- ❑ Old towels or sheet to cover each trap
- ❑ Newspaper to line the trap
- ❑ Paper plates (cut in half) to put bait in at back of trap
- ❑ Masking tape (to secure newspaper if windy)
- ❑ Smelly bait (tuna packed in oil, sardines in oil, KFC)
- ❑ Can Opener
- ❑ Plastic Spoon (to drizzle oil, scoop out of can)
- ❑ Flashlight
- ❑ Plastic tarp (to line floor or seat of transport vehicle)
- ❑ Book to read while you wait!

