

## TNR Trapping Tips:

There are a variety of tricks you can use to trap cats who are difficult to catch.

- Cover the trap with sheet
- Withhold all food for 24 hours before trapping
- Place the trap along normal paths

### Best bait to use:

- Sardines
- Fried Chicken
- Anchovies



## Trap Rental:

IHA Regional Spay/Neuter Clinic offers live-humane trap rentals for a \$50 refundable deposit per trap. As long as you bring the traps back, your money is returned.

## Walk-In Appointments:

IHA Regional Spay/Neuter accepts up to 2 cats per family, Monday-Thursday, 7:30-10:00 am, in live-humane traps. The ear-tip package is required.



*"My name is Slow Mo and I came to visit IHA several years ago when I was 3 years old. I know, I'm very handsome, but, I didn't always look this way. IHA helped me by cleaning my ears, giving me important shots and providing a surgery 'down there' that improved my life! Now I just lay around and chew on this 'catnip' toy that my caretaker gave me!"*



*"This is Buttercup. She is a feral kitten that we got fixed at IHA along with 17 other kitties. Don't know how we would have managed without IHA's help! Thanks to all who do such great work!" - Grateful Client*



## IHA'S QUICK GUIDE TO: COMMUNITY CATS



## Trap-Neuter-Return

### Good for the Cats

### Good for the Community

The only effective way to tackle the over-abundance of outdoor cats is through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). TNR usually involves trapping unsocialized cats, bringing them to a low-cost spay/neuter clinic for their sterilization surgery, ear-tip, and vaccinations, then returning the cats to their outdoor home.

Benefits to Spaying/Neutering community cats:

- Stops the cycle of reproduction
- Lessens the burden of unnecessary euthanasia and adopting out kittens put on shelters/ rescues
- Decreases behaviors associated with breeding such as spraying, yowling, and fighting
- Improves the overall health of cat population

## We are the Solution

Iowa Humane Alliance is striving toward a state where feral cats are valued and protected, and where euthanasia is no longer used as a form of population control.



## Who We Are

IHA Regional Spay/Neuter Clinic provides high-quality, low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination services. For community cats we offer special pricing with the ear-tip package. Not only will ear-tipping your outdoor cats save you money, but it could also save their life.

## Why the Ear-tip is Important



An ear-tip has proven to be the safest and the most effective method to visually identify a community cat that has been spayed or neutered. It has become universally accepted and is recognized by international animal welfare organizations.

- An ear-tipped cat is spayed/neutered and vaccinated against rabies
- Do not take an ear-tipped cat to the shelter
- Ear-tipped cats either have resources or caretakers near-by
- Ear-tips save lives!

## Why return the cats?

If cats are thriving in an area, there must be resources of food, water, and shelter supporting that population. If those cats are removed (euthanized or relocated), it simply means that those resources are still available and new cats will move in and continue reproducing.

**TNR is the least expensive, most humane, and most effective method to help community cats.**



Thriving community cat named Fudge, doing some sun bathing in Eastern Iowa

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