



**TNR (Trap–Neuter–Return)
is the only humane and effective
means of feline population control.**

Cat Trapping Basics is required reading for individuals using our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. Trapping cats for TNR is the best thing you can do to help feral and stray cats in your neighborhood.

All you have to do is bait the trap, set it, and wait. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Sometimes it is, but sometimes it takes more work!



Trap-Neuter-Return is the answer.

Our Mission

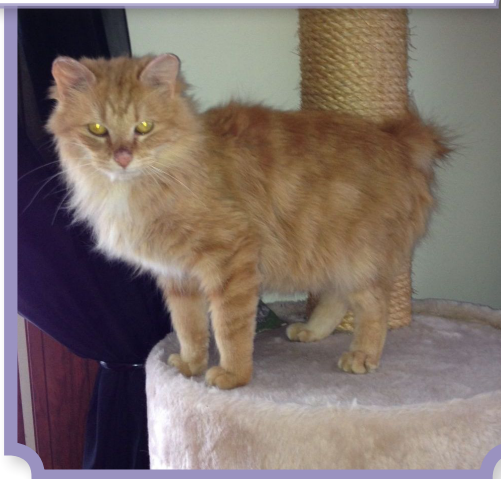
To promote the humane treatment of companion animals through protection, placement, education, and example.

Our Vision

We envision a community that values the human-animal bond and where all animals are healthy and safe.



Seen in her before and after pictures, Miss Ripley was found to be friendly after being caught as a stray. She adapted well to rehoming.



Cat Trapping Basics



Capital Area Humane Society

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Techniques to Ensure Success

1. Get the cat on a regular feeding schedule.

Most feral and strays come out in the evening. Set food out after dinner, but before dusk and never leave it out overnight. Leaving your trap out with food overnight will attract unwanted visitors, like raccoons. This will get the cat to return at the same time every day. If you only have late night feeders, discuss overnight trapping strategies with us.

2. Bait and set the trap.

Place a small amount of food on a paper plate and place it behind the traps step plate. Set your trap and wait until the cat returns for its regular feeding. Hopefully, he/she will walk into the trap, setting it off.

3. Cover the cat.

Always cover the trap immediately after trapping to calm the cat. After being trapped, the cat will panic. In order to calm him/her, cover the trap with a sheet or towel. If possible, remove the trapped cat from the feeding area to prevent it from spooking other cats, if you are trapping multiple cats. Keep the cat in an area that has a comfortable temperature until you can bring the cat to us.

If That Doesn't Work, Try This:

🐱 Feed inside the trap for a few days.

Use a zip tie or rope to hold the trap open and allow the cat to acclimate to the new scenery. Start by gradually putting the food closer and closer to the trap, until it is eating the food directly inside, and then set the trap.

🐱 Use stinky bait.

Use wet canned cat food, tuna (in water), or jack mackerel. On cold days, microwave it to bring out the smells and lure the cat in.

🐱 Limit food on the day prior to trapping.

Only feed half as much as normal. This will ensure the cat is hungry.

🐱 Contact us so we can ensure your success if these ideas do not work for you.

Every situation is different.

🐱 NEVER GIVE UP!

Other Tips and Techniques

🐱 Do not leave traps set overnight or unattended for long periods of time.

🐱 Do not trap during bad weather.

🐱 Plan to trap all the cats in your immediate area.

We are a 100% TNR organization. This means, we want you to capture each and every cat you have roaming your vicinity. Leaving just one female not fixed will undo all of the progress you have made when she has a litter.

🐱 If you believe you have trapped a nursing mother, call us first and we will determine if that is the case and it should be let go.

Call the CAHS clinic at **(517) 908-0756** or email CommunityCats@AdoptLansing.org if you encounter any other trouble or have any questions. We are here to make sure that you are successful!

