

FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN OCEAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN PROGRAM

BEFORE YOU TRAP, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL. A VOLUNTEER WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO USE THE TRAP IN THE MOST HUMANE WAY POSSIBLE!

TRAPPER	PHONE
ADDRESS	TOWN
VOLUNTEER	PHONE

1. All traps must be kept in a shed or garage when not being used. Do not leave them outside.
2. All traps must be hosed and washed with bleach or detergent between trappings.
3. When getting ready to trap, do not feed the cat at least 12 hours before you set the trap. The cats have to be hungry.
4. Set the trap and frequently visited location where you usually see the cat; away from humans and traffic.
5. Put the cat food in the trap on a piece of cardboard (small enough not to cover the flap) or a plastic dish. **NEVER USE GLASS OR CERAMIC BOWLS WHEN TRAPPING. THE CAT COULD BECOME INJURED!** A volunteer will go over different ways to entice a cat that is especially shy about getting into the trap.
6. Do not ever set a trap unless you can stay home to watch it once the cat goes in, approached the trap quietly and covered gently with a large Beach size towel or sheet. **THE TRAP MUST BE TOTALLY COVERED.**
7. The cat will settle down within several minutes. Pick up the trap and put the trap with cat in a safe place, out of the elements, away from humans and traffic. A garage or shed is the best place. Put newspaper under the trap.
8. Contact the volunteer at ones who gave you the trap. The cat will be picked up and taken to the vet.
9. **NEVER KEEP A TRAP SET OVERNIGHT.** Once you are finished trapping for the day make sure all traps are **UNSET** and put in a secure place.
10. Never trap in bad weather. Always let a volunteer know when you are going to trap so that he\she can make an appointment in advance with the vet. Veterinarians are not always available.
11. A volunteer will need to pick up the cat from the vet after surgery and this should be coordinated since all volunteers have full-time jobs or may be assisting other people in trapping efforts.
12. Plenty of fresh water and food should be provided on a continual basis we have volunteers who can provide shelters and also help you to construct a safe dry environment for them during wet and cold months and show you how to make a feeding box to keep the food from getting spoiled.