

## Cat Pick-Up and Trap Return

### **CAT DROP OFF**

Cats can be dropped off at the TNR clinic at BARCS on Saturday from 3 to 6 PM. Your cats will be cared for by volunteers and feeding will continue throughout Saturday evening. Food will be removed around 10:00 pm; water will be left in traps throughout the night.

Surgeries will begin Sunday morning around 9:00 AM and should be completed by mid-afternoon. You will need to be reachable for your cat pick-up phone call on Sunday afternoon, unless prior arrangements have been made for cats to stay an extra night at BARCS.

### **CAT RETRIEVAL**

A volunteer will call you as soon as your cats wake up from surgery on Sunday afternoon. You are required to be available to pick up your cats promptly when called.

You will need to be comfortable dealing with anesthetized cats and will need to keep them in a safe, warm, indoor environment until Monday afternoon, or possibly later. (Please refer to the enclosed handout, "Post surgical Care for Feral Cats," for details.)

If you cannot care for your cats overnight on Sunday, you will need to arrange with us for them to stay overnight at BARCS ahead of time, or make other alternate arrangements.

### **RETURN OF TRAPPING EQUIPMENT**

Traps, trap covers, and isolators must be cleaned as described below and returned by the weekend following the TNR clinic. Other caretakers have reservations for this equipment for other events, and it **MUST** be returned on time.

### **CLEANING TRAPS AND TRAP ISOLATORS**

1. Prepare a bucket of warm, soapy water (dish or laundry detergent works well), and a 10% bleach solution (1 part bleach to 9 parts water) in a spray bottle.
2. Spray the traps down with a hose.
3. Scrub the traps with a scrub brush and the soapy water. Be sure to scrub off any food or fecal matter sticking to the trap plate or wire mesh.
4. Rinse the traps with the hose.
5. Spray the entire trap with the bleach solution.
6. Let the bleach solution stay on the trap and isolator for 10 minutes and then rinse well with a hose.
7. Allow the traps to air-dry.

As an alternative to hand washing, take traps to a self-serve car wash and use a high-powered soap spray to clean them. Rinse at the car wash with clear water, and follow through with the bleaching process explained in #5 through #7 above.

### **CLEANING THE TRAP COVERS**

To clean trap covers, please wash them by machine in **COLD** water with bleach. If they are particularly stained, rinse thoroughly by hand with **COLD** water before placing articles in the washing machine. Note that hot water sets these stains and smells into the fabric, whereas cold water helps to remove them.

Thank you- **Peg Nemoff**