

HOW TO GET FERAL CATS SPAYED & NEUTERED IN ALBUQUERQUE

NMAF (New Mexico Animal Friends) offers TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) veterinary services thru Street Cat Companions (SCC) for feral and free roaming cats in Albuquerque. You trap the cats and bring them to one of their feral cat clinics. They will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated against rabies and other diseases and their left ear will be "tipped" for identification. After a recovery period, usually 1-2 days, you return the cats to the place where they were trapped.

Prior arrangements must be made and scheduled before trapping. Cats are taken in to the pre-scheduled clinic in the morning and picked up in the afternoon. You bring the cats in the traps they are caught in. Please cover the traps with a large towel or sheet to keep the cats calm. NMAF also loans out traps and there are people who can give you excellent advice on trapping.

Most costs are covered through donations and grants but individual donations are always much needed and appreciated.

For more information, call New Mexico Animal Friends at 881-PAWS (881-7297.) Or contact Jayne Sage at 681 4713 for trap availability and surgery schedules.

For general information about TNR, trapping and caring for feral cats, there are some great sources on the internet. NMAF recommends using Tru-Catch Gravity Humane Traps. (Spring-loaded traps can cause severe injury.)

Kittens should be at least 2 months old and weigh at least two pounds before trapping. They should be trapped in the small traps only.

WARNING: Never touch a feral cat. Wear a long-sleeved shirt and leather gloves if you must handle a feral cat.

For information on deterring feral cats, see www.nmaf.org.

For more information see the following:

- Alley Cat Allies (www.alleycat.org)
- PetsMart Charities
- City of Albuquerque (www.cabq.gov)

