

Too many cats visiting your yard?

Help rescue kittens and stop population growth by spaying/neutering community cats through TNR.

Outdoor feral or stray cats will always find people in the neighborhood to feed them, and **trap-neuter-return (TNR)** is the only way to keep the cat population healthy & under control.

Through a **free** program at **San Jose Animal Care Center**, community cats can be fixed (spayed/neutered), microchipped, vaccinated, and flea treated. Learn more at bayareacats.org.



Cats that are already fixed will have a small ear notch. All other cats need to be fixed.

If you feed or have cats or kittens visiting your property, they need to be fixed.

Email bayareaTNR@gmail.com or text 408-384-8694 for help or if you want to get involved.

Trapping Guidelines

- **Never leave a trap unattended:** especially outside of your backyard. Traps can be stolen, cats can be harmed or stolen, or you may catch wildlife.
- **Listen for the traps closing** or watch them from indoors (out of sight from the cats).
- **Feed cats within a time range** (e.g. 7-8 am and 6-7 pm) to prepare for trapping.

Using the traps

- **Flooring:** use folded newspapers, cardboard, towels, or [vinyl PVC flooring](#)
- **Bait:** place about ¼ cup of bait at the very back of the trap (wet or dry food, tuna).
 - Put 2-3 small piles of food (¼ tsp or smaller) at the front leading to the back of the trap.**Important:** stop the bait trail after 6" into the trap or the cat will trigger the trap early and escape.
- **Towels:** immediately cover the trap completely with a bath towel once the cat is trapped. This calms them and helps them to feel more secure.



- **Placement of traps:** flush against a wall, fence, or bushes rather than out in the open.
 - Trap in the location where you feed.
 - **Withhold food for 24-36 hours** before trapping. Do not feed when trapping.
- **Trap safety:** do not put your fingers in the trap or release the cat for any reason. Do not let your pets near the cats.
 - **Secure the front** of the trap using a zip tie (while wearing thick gloves).



Tru Catch Trap Instructions

1. Raise both rings to the top of the door.
2. Pull the door towards you and open it.
3. Turn the trigger 90 degrees counter-clockwise.
4. Lower the door to rest it on the trigger.
5. Your Tru Catch Trap is now set.

