

# Help Fix & Vaccinate the Cats in Your Neighborhood

**Santa Clara County** has over a hundred thousand feral cats roaming the streets. There are many efforts to fix (spay/neuter) the community cats, **however the population continues to increase**. Your action is needed to fix the cats and slow population growth. The cats will always have people to feed them, and **trap-neuter-return (TNR)** is the only way to keep the cat population under control and the cats healthy.

Through a program at **San Jose Animal Care Center**, feral cats can be fixed (spayed/neutered), microchipped, vaccinated, and flea treated (**at no cost**) before being returned to the neighborhood.

Learn more about the reasons behind TNR: [alleycat.org/TNR](http://alleycat.org/TNR)

## When you feed or have cats or kittens visiting your property:

1. Email [bayareaTNR@gmail.com](mailto:bayareaTNR@gmail.com) or text 408-384-8694 with location & number of cats/kittens.
2. **Borrow traps** (we can also lend traps). We will teach you how to use them.
  - 13th Street Cat Rescue • 408-566-3637 • [info@13thstcats.org](mailto:info@13thstcats.org)
  - Cat Resource Center • (408) 335-4357 • [admin@catcenter.org](mailto:admin@catcenter.org)
  - Nine Lives Foundation • (650) 368-1365 • [ninelivesfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ninelivesfoundation@gmail.com)
3. **Trap the cats**: adult cats will be returned to the neighborhood. Kittens under 8 weeks will go to a rescue so they can be adopted.



**If the cats have access to food on your property or live in your yard, please take responsibility for getting them fixed.** If you are physically unable to do this yourself, we have a volunteer who can help.

**Cats that are already fixed will have a small ear notch.** All feral cats without an ear tip need to be trapped & fixed.

## How can you help? Get involved and make a difference.

- **Trapper**: become a trapper and teach others how to trap.
- **Transporter**: transport cats to the shelter and return them to the address where trapped.
- **Community outreach**: distribute fliers & spread the word on the importance of TNR.
- **Cat spotter**: email or text photos and locations of untipped cats.

**Any questions? Contact** [bayareaTNR@gmail.com](mailto:bayareaTNR@gmail.com) or 408-384-8694.

Consider donating at [paypal.me/bayareaTNR](https://paypal.me/bayareaTNR) to support this volunteer-based, self-funded effort.

## 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.

