

Triple R Pets

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Plan Ahead

1. Make an appointment at one of the clinics on the Low-Cost Clinics page.
2. Start prebaiting and prebait every day.
3. Trap the cats one or two days before the appointment. It's ok for the cat to stay in his trap for a day or longer. You can provide food and water for him and keep the trap clean.
4. On the day of the appointment, transport the cat to the low-cost clinic.
5. Pick up the cat, transport it to a safe enclosed place such as your garage or a shed and hold it there, in its trap, overnight.
6. Release the cat in the morning after the sedation has worn off.

Working with Triple R Pets

1. Your feral cat will receive the full feral cat spay/neuter package including:
 - Spay/neuter surgery and eartip for visual identification
 - Rabies vaccination (for cats over four months)
 - Distemper vaccination
 - Parasite control for worms, fleas, ticks, earmites
 - Microchip registered with Triple R Pets
2. You will be eligible for the discounted rate of \$50 for the above services.
3. You and your colony will be registered with Triple R Pets and be legally protected.
4. Trap rentals are available to you.
5. Triple R Pets provides educational information and trapping tips.

Caretaker Agreement

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Under the Cook County Feral Cat Ordinance, feral cat colony caretakers can register with a Sponsor Agency such as Triple R pets to be afforded the rights provided under the ordinance. All documentation is CONFIDENTIAL and no specific information regarding caretaker names and addresses is distributed outside of Triple R Pets without the caretaker's approval. **Caretakers agree to the following. Please initial each item. I agree to:**

- ___ **Read** and be familiar with the Cook County Feral Cat Ordinance
- ___ **Register** the colony with Triple R Pets and provide descriptions of each cat in the colony
- ___ Help to humanely **trap** each cat in my colony
- ___ Help to **transport** each cat to the holding facility or clinic in an approved humane cat trap
- ___ Help cover the **cost** of the medical services typically \$50 per cat
- ___ See that Triple R Pets receives a copy of the medical services your cat has received
- ___ Never leave a trap out unattended or overnight
- ___ Ensure the trapped cat is fully and completely covered with a towel or cover at all times
- ___ Never transport the trapped cats in the back of an open-bed truck or in the closed trunk of a car
- ___ Understand that the cat's left ear will be "ear-tipped" for future identification purposes
- ___ Understand that if a cat is pregnant the procedure is to spay and abort
- ___ Observe the colony cats and keep records of any illness, unusual behavior, or new cats / kittens, and complete a periodic census when required
- ___ Provide spay / neuter surgery for any cat / kitten **before** placement in the adoptive home
- ___ Have every cat in your colony spay / neutered, vaccinated, ear-tipped and micro-chipped
- ___ Continue to provide food, water and, if feasible, shelter for colony cats
- ___ Notify Triple R Pets if you become unable or unwilling to continue as Caretaker of the registered colony

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL. I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY THE COOK COUNTY FERAL CAT ORDINANCE. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Colony Address, City, State, Zip Code

Caretaker Printed Name

Caretaker Signature

Date

Caretaker Home Phone

Caretaker Cell Phone

Caretaker E-Mail (Please Print)

Caretaker Address, City, State, Zip Code (if different from Colony Address)

Triple R Pets Office Use: Date Received: _____ Received By: _____

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Trapping Tips

Prebait the Trap: Training Cats to Go Into the Trap

- Place the trap at the feeding station. Securely tie the trap door open so that it cannot close. At feeding time, put the food inside the trap. Do not place food anywhere else but in the trap. The cats can take turns eating in the trap; they don't have to all eat at once.
- Remove all food from trap before night. Close the trap for night. The next day, tie the trap open and feed.
- If there is no food anywhere except in the trap, and then the cats' choice is to either go in the trap and eat or go hungry. In time, one or more of the cats will get up the nerve to try it out. That cat will demonstrate to the others that it's safe to enter the trap and eat.
- It may take a few days or weeks until the cats are eating at the back of the trap. When they are, you are ready to trap. Remember to cover the traps with a large towel before you trap.
- Prebaiting takes tough love. But with surgery, the cats will be happier and safer than they ever have been in their lives.

The Bottle Trick: Selective Trapping

You may need to trap a particular cat to trap, such as a pregnant female or the last feral in your colony.



Find a soda bottle that's the right height to prop open the trap door. Fill the bottle with water. Put a paper cup over the top of the bottle. Get 30-50 feet of twine or cord that will not stretch and tie it around the base of the bottle. Do not set the trap but prop the trap door open with the bottle.

Put the bait at the back of the trap, and, taking string in hand, back off as far as you need to so that the cats no longer take notice of you. You may be able to sit in your house or car, with a view of the trap.

Take up any slack in the cord. Wait for your target cat to eat. Other cats may eat first, but you can catch them later. Your target cat may back out of the trap, but she will come back. You want her rear end to be 6 or 8 inches inside the trap and let her settle. Give her time to stop looking around, and to put her face in

the food, and then YANK the cord.

Be Consistent

- Feed at the same place and same time. Feed only twice a day.
- Pick up all food between feedings and before night.
- Feed only in the trap. Don't leave any food outside the trap. All cats must eat their food inside the trap. They can take turns. Tough love.
- Keep the same towel on the trap while you prebait and trap. After you trap the cat, then change the old dirty wet towel for a clean, dry one.

Equipment Loan Agreement

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Equipment Type	Trap Numbers	Loan Date	Return Date(s)	Comments	DONE
Trap					
Transfer Cage					
Drop Trap					
Divider					
Other					

_____ \$60 fully refundable deposit upon return of the traps. Return traps to any Triple R Pets' workshop. See website calendar.

_____ Traps are expected to be returned within three weeks. Traps should be cleaned prior to their return.

_____ I certify that I am borrowing trap(s) from Triple R Pets for the sole purpose of participating in Trap-Neuter-Return activities, and that **the cats will be returned to the place where they were trapped**. I understand that feral cats that are taken to any shelter will be euthanized, and that relocation of cats is seldom successful.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL. Please Print Clearly!

_____ Printed Name

_____ Signature

_____ Date

_____ Street

_____ City

_____ State

_____ zip

Phone: home _____ cell: _____ email: _____

Triple R Pets Representative _____ Date _____

Program Eligibility

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How to Get Your Feral Cats a Full Service Feral Spay/Neuter Package for Only \$50

To be eligible for the Triple R Pets' \$50 discounted package you need to:

1. Complete the online TNR Assistance Request at triplerpets.org/tnr-programs/request-for-tnr-assistance
2. Attend a TNR Workshop or already be a registered Colony Caretaker
3. Complete the Caretaker Agreement

What services are in the Triple R Pets' feral cat package:

- Spay/neuter surgery
- Ear-tip
- Rabies vaccination
- Distemper vaccination
- Parasite control for worms, fleas, ticks and earmites
- Microchip registered to Triple R Pets and automatic entry to Triple R Pets' database

Take your ferals to one of these low-cost clinics:

- A.D.O.P.T.
- Cat Nap from the Heart
- NAWS
- PAWS Chicago Lurie Clinic
- SNIP
- South Suburban Humane Clinic

Donate \$50 for each cat directly to Triple R Pets

- **Online** PayPal or credit card at <http://triplerpets.org/donate/> Click on Add Additional Information and state your name and the number of feral cats that you brought in to spay/neuter

OR

- **Send check** payable to **Triple R Pets** to
Triple R Pets
P.O. Box 86
Western Springs IL 60558

Requirements for transport and check-in:

- Only one cat per trap
- Traps must be a minimum of 9" X 9" X 26"
- Trap must have a towel completely covering the cat
- Both the trap and the towel must be labeled with the cat's name and the caretaker's name
- At PAWS Chicago only. A green label must be attached to the trap. Labels are available only at workshops.

Trap Rentals

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Renting traps: Traps are expensive equipment and policies for renting them may change frequently. Call ahead to make sure of the rental policy of the organization.

Your local police station, building department, or animal control department may rent out traps to residents.

Anti Cruelty Society, Chicago, IL
unknown deposit

Contact: 312-633-8338 ext 8090

CatNap from the Heart, La Grange Park IL
\$50 deposit refundable upon return of the trap

Contact: 708-352-3914

Estelle Marcus Clinic, Munster, IN
\$10 deposit refundable upon return of the trap

Contact: Kim at Tel: 219-922-3811

PAWS, Chicago, IL
Deposit required

Contact: Cecilia at Tel: 773-475-9425

NAWS, Mokena, IL
\$50 deposit refundable upon return of the trap

Contact: 708-478-5102

Spay Illinois, Lisle, IL
unknown deposit

Contact: Bobbie at Tel; 630-961-8000

Triple R Pets:
Contact: 708-738-1438

La Grange, Tinley Park, Chicago Heights at scheduled workshops

\$60 deposit refundable upon return of the trap Traps are available only to registered caretakers

Recommended traps to buy:

Tomahawk Live Traps, 1-800-272-8727 www.livetraps.com
model 605NC for details see https://www.livetraps.com/index.php?dispatch=products.view&product_id=32683
Cost \$67 order online or by phone, this model may not be sold in stores

TruCatch Traps 1-800-247-6132 trucatch.com
Model 30LTD for details see trucatchtraps.com/t-n-r-ltd-light-duty
Cost \$75 order online or by phone, this model may not be sold in stores

Other traps such as Havahart or Ranger are not recommended because they usually do not have a safety backdoor and the trip tension may not be adjustable

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Several low-cost clinics in the Chicagoland area work directly with Triple R Pets. At these clinics, each cat will receive the full feral cat package through Triple R Pets for the discounted \$50 if the Caretaker is eligible. All information below is subject to change.

To be eligible for the Triple R Pets' \$50 discounted package you need to:

1. Complete the online TNR Assistance Request at <https://triplerpets.org/request-help>
2. Complete the Caretaker Agreement

Requirements for transport and check-in:

- Only one cat per trap
- Traps must be a minimum of 9" X 9" X 26" – no plastic carriers are allowed, traps only!
- Trap must have a towel completely covering the trap
- Both the trap and the towel must be labeled with the cat's name, caretaker's name and Triple R Pets

You can schedule directly through:

South Suburban Humane Low-Cost Clinic 137 W. Joe Orr Rd, Chicago Heights IL 60411 (708) 755-1110

- Appointments required. Call and state that you are with Triple R Pets
- Clinic days: vary
- Drop off: 7:30 am / Pick up: Inquire when the appointment is made

NAWS 9981 190th St, Mokena, IL 60448 (708) 478-5102

- Appointments required. Call and state that you are with Triple R Pets
- Clinic days vary
- Drop off / Pick up: Inquire when the appointment is made

You MUST schedule through Triple R Pets for:

CatNap from the Heart 1101 Beach Ave, La Grange Park, IL 60526

- Appointments are required and must be made through Triple R Pets
- Clinic day is Wednesday
- Drop off / Pick up Times: Usually, 8 am drop off and 2-4 pm the same day pick-up; staff will call you

SNIP Society 2201 Glenwood Ave #401, Joliet, IL 60435

- Appointments are required and must be made through Triple R Pets
- Clinic days are Wednesday / Thursday.
- Drop off 7:30-8 am Pick up time will be given when you make an appointment

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Other low-cost clinics in Chicagoland, but these clinics do not work directly with Triple R Pets and will charge full cost and may not provide all services.

When you call to make an appointment at any of these clinics, ask what services are provided and what the total cost will be. Services and costs vary from clinic to clinic and can change at any time.

Cook County requires proof of surgery, eartip, rabies vaccination and a microchip registered either to you or to an approved Sponsor of the ordinance such as Triple R Pets.

A.D.O.P.T. 420 Industrial Drive Naperville IL 60563 (630) 355-2299 x223
www.adoptpetshelter.org

Anti-Cruelty 510 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 644-8338
www.anticruelty.org

Lowell Animal Hospital 1765 Morse Street, Lowell, IN 46536 (219) 247-0555
www.lowellanimalhospital.com

PAWS Chicago Lurie Clinic: 3516 West 26th Street, Chicago, IL 60623 (773) 521-7729
www.pawschicago.org

Spay Illinois 2765 Maple Ave., Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 961-8000
www.spayillinois.org

Tree House 7225 N Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60645 (773) 262-4000
www.treehouseanimals.org

VCA Forest South Animal Hosp 24341 Western Ave, University Park, IL, 60484 (708) 672-6166
www.vcahospitals.com/forest-south