

Helpful Hints for Successful Trapping

Get the cats use to being fed at the same place and time of day. It is this area where you will be trapping them.

Place the trap(s) in the feeding area several days prior to trapping; use 2 twist ties to hold the trap door open and begin feeding cats **inside** the traps. Get your feral cat(s) use to the trap by placing the food in front of the trap the first day, then gradually place the food each day towards the back of the trap ...remove twist ties for the actual trapping night.

Stop feeding the cat the day/night before you plan to trap—the idea is to make sure the cat is **very** hungry....thereby increasing the chances of him finding your bait irresistible, and walking into the trap!

Bait: use canned **mackerel** (available in the **canned fish** section of grocery store –not in the pet food section) to bait the trap. A preferred method of baiting is to use a small piece of newspaper- approx 3” x 3” – place a small amount of mackerel on top of it, place the newspaper with the bait on the ground and place the trap on top of this, squishing the bait up through the bottom of the trap. (This makes it a bit harder for the cat to grab at the bait, the higher your chances are to successfully trapping him!)

Begin trapping 1- 2 nights **before** the clinic or vet appointment... **cats should not eat 12 hours prior to surgery**...they may choke and die under anesthesia.

After setting the trap, cover it with a large towel. It should expose the opening while still covering the top, sides, and back of the trap. The cover will help camouflage the trap and serve to calm the cat after it is caught.

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For the cats,

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