TNR Appointment Do's & Don'ts

High Country Humane Community Cat Program: a little prep makes for a smooth, safe visit!

Trapping Tips: Set Yourself Up for Success

Trap at dawn or dusk. Cats are most active then, so set the trap the evening before your appointment.

Cover the trap. A towel or sheet makes it feel like a cozy hideout going in, and calmer once the cat is trapped.

Use stinky bait. Fish canned in oil (like sardines or mackerel) works best.

Stay close and check often. Don't leave a trapped cat waiting longer than necessary.

DO

Bring one cat per trap or carrier. Mom cats and their kittens may share.

Use a trap, or a **hard-sided carrier** if you aren't using a trap.

Keep it covered the whole trip, including the car ride.

Arrive at 8 a.m. when the gates open, and check in promptly.

Keep traps level and secure in your vehicle.

DON'T

Don't use soft-sided carriers. They're not safe for sedation or handling.

Don't put unrelated cats together in one trap or carrier.

Don't open the trap or carrier once the cat is inside, even to peek.

Don't be late for check-in, or leave cats unattended in a hot or cold car.

Don't release the same day. Cats need an overnight watch first.

What to Expect on Appointment Day

1. Drop-off

8 a.m. Gates open and check-in begins. Please be prompt!

2. Pick-up

3:30 to 5 p.m. Your cat's trap or carrier stays here with us, so just come pick up!

3. Overnight

Keep your cat **indoors, covered and quiet** overnight. Watch for any surgical complications.

4. Release

Next morning, release your cat right where you trapped them. Home sweet home!

Questions? Contact Mel Israel: 928-814-3199 · communitycats@highcountryhumane.org. Thank you for caring for community cats!