

What is TNR?

Trap Neuter Release is the practice of humanely capturing a cat in a box trap. They are then transported to the vet for spaying/neutering, vaccinating and other medical care. They will also be “ear-tipped” so that they are easily identified as having been fixed and vaccinated. After surgery they are returned to the location they were trapped from.

Why can't the cats just be relocated somewhere else?

In certain circumstances where it may be dangerous to return the cats to where they came from we can work to relocate them into a safe area. Unfortunately, good relocation sites are hard to find; they usually have their share of feral cats. Also, it is very stressful on the cats to relocate them. Even with rigorous ‘imprinting’ many will wander off after they are released at the new site. Some may even try to find their way back to their original “home”. So, if at all possible we like to release them where they were found.

What about all that annoying howling, fighting and spraying?

Once fixed most, if not all, that annoying behavior will disappear. Fixed ferals are very shy—you probably won't see much of them. And, they'll do a fabulous job of ridding the area of rodent pests—an added bonus!

OK! You've convinced me! I'll get the cats fixed through SNAP. But, I don't have any idea how to do all this TNR stuff.

No problem! Our SNAP and TNR teams will help you each step of the way. We have equipment of traps, carriers, etc to loan (with a refundable deposit) and support throughout the process. We have a lot of experience with helping beginner TNR'ers. Team TNR is also available to come to your site and help with the trapping, transport, recovery, etc. This team has a lot of experience convincing even the most resistant cats to step into the trap. They are also experts at determining if a cat is truly feral or just a very fearful domestic cat that has lost their home. (These kitties will be placed for adoption).

Just call us to get started on this wonderful and rewarding adventure.

Save a Life—Fix a Feral or Stray Cat

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FieldHaven's SNAP provides a valuable service to our community and a major effort towards addressing the devastating problem of homeless cats. Each year in Placer County and surrounding areas 1,000s of cats are euthanized just because there are not enough homes. The solution is simple—Spay and Neuter!

FieldHaven is proud that SNAP, first introduced in 2005, has had a significant impact in the number of stray and feral cats from our community being euthanized. But our work is far from done. We need your help. This is a community-wide effort that will require everyone's help.

This brochure should answer many of your questions about SNAP.

What exactly is SNAP?

Spay Neuter Assistance Program provides low and no-cost spay and neuter for cats that belong to or are under the care of residents in Lincoln, Sheridan, Wheatland and Newcastle.

How much does SNAP cost me?

We will cover the cost of spaying or neutering your cat as well as provide FVCRP and Rabies vaccines. You are not required to pay anything. However, we do encourage you to contribute whatever you can afford towards the cost. Your contribution will help us to continue offering the service should our grant funds be used up.

Where do funds for SNAP come from?

Funding for SNAP is generously provided by several foundations, trust funds and corporations. Each year we have to reapply for funds and the amount of funds available varies from year to year. We are always looking for additional sources of funding so if you have knowledge of a funding source please let us know.

How do I get my cat spayed/neutered through SNAP?

We use Animal Spay and Neuter in Auburn for all our SNAP services. There are 2 ways you can use SNAP:

- 1) Contact Animal Spay and Neuter to schedule an appointment for your cat. Their number is 530-889-8800.
- 2) If you need assistance with transportation FieldHaven provides a shuttle service to the clinic each Tuesday on a space-available basis. You must drop your cat off at FieldHaven early in the morning and pick up that evening. Please call 916-434-6022 or email info@fieldhaven.com to schedule for the shuttle service. This service is very limited so please understand if we cannot accommodate your cat right away.



There is a stray unfixed cat in my neighborhood. What should I do?

First of all, thank you for caring about this homeless cat. The most important thing to do is to get the cat fixed. Secondly, we need to figure out how to get this cat “off the street”. FieldHaven has very limited space to bring cats in so it is very likely we won't have room immediately for the cat after surgery. This is where you can really help us.

Depending on the details of the cat (is it friendly or feral? Is it highly adoptable?, etc) perhaps you can foster the cat while we try to find a home. Or, if you can't foster it maybe you know someone who can. If it's feral (wild) can it safely live in your yard after it's been fixed and can you provide it with food, shelter and water? Our volunteers can work with you to come up with the best solution—just contact us to get the ball rolling. The worst thing you can do is ignore the situation because next week your single homeless kitty may be a whole litter of homeless kitties!

Why can't I just call Animal Control to come pick-up the feral cats?

Placer County Animal Services works very hard to place every animal that is brought to the shelter. But, they just don't have the resources to find placement for feral cats so feral cats are euthanized. With all of us working together we can put a stop to the killing of feral cats.