



Strays/Ferals/Community Cats

So, you've found a cat or five (or 20!) living in your neighborhood and they seem like they don't belong to anyone. . . what can you do?

Thank you for trying to help these cats. Every shelter/rescue is at capacity so compassionate, caring community members like yourself are a huge help to those of us working in animal welfare and these abandoned cats. Releasing a feral spayed or neutered cat back into the wild may seem cruel, but adult cats who have already adapted and survived without human intervention can live much happier lives in their already established territory. They can also help to keep other feral cats away, as well as control the rodent population. Not only does spaying cats greatly help in reducing the ongoing feral cat population crisis, but when they are not trying to feed and care for babies, it makes their chances of a healthy life much better!

ENSURE THE CAT(S) DON'T BELONG TO ANYONE

- Post photos of the cats on your neighborhood Facebook page and Next Door or Ring Neighbors. If you don't have access to Facebook or neighborhood networking groups, ask someone if they can post on your behalf.
- Contact your local animal control shelter to post a lost pet.
- Attempt to capture the cat(s) and bring them to a vet office to have them scanned for a microchip to locate the owner.

EDUCATE YOURSELF

- [Alley Cat Allies](#) is a tremendous resource.
- Check this link for a step-by-step guide for what to do if you find a cat outside: [What To Do If You Find a Cat Outdoors | Alley Cat Allies](#)
- Check this link to learn more about how to do Trap-Neuter-Return: [Help Community Cats: A Step-by-Step Guide to Trap-Neuter Return](#)
- To get connected to hands-on assistance with Trap-Neuter-Return or vet services check this link: [Feral Friends Network® Connect | Alley Cat Allies](#)

SPAYING NEUTERING VACCINATING

- Many low-cost clinics do not charge for feral cat services (like Pasado's) but will require the cat gets ear-tipped. [Ear-Tipping Cats: What It Is and Why It's Done](#)
- [Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics](#)

- [Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics by Zip Code](#)
- Rabies vaccination is required by law in WA.

TRAP RENTALS

King County

MEOW Cat Rescue – \$100 Fully Refundable Deposit

Kirkland

(425) 822-6369

United Rentals (rent)

Kirkland

Phone: (425) 823-1777

Seattle Animal Control (no charge to Seattle residents)

(206) 386-4254

Renton Animal Control (no charge to Renton residents)

(425) 430-7550

Auburn Valley Humane Society – \$75 Refundable Deposit, \$5/DAY

Auburn

253-249-7849 or info@auburnvalleyhs.org

Pierce County

Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County – Trap program still in progress. Fees TBD

Tacoma

253-284-5809 Pattyr@thehumanesociety.org

Northwest Spay & Neuter Center – 15 traps to loan \$40 Refundable Deposit

Tacoma

253-627-7729

Next to Nature – Photo ID required

Tacoma

(253) 779-8141

Skagit County

Mount Vernon Police Department – Free live trap rentals to citizens of Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon

360-336-6271

Saving Pets One at a Time (S.P.O.T.) – Provides traps, education and support for TNR
Skagit County
savingpetsoneatatime.org
360-336-5388

Snohomish County

Pasado's Safe Haven – No deposit required

Monroe

cruelty@pasadosafehaven.org

Purrfect Pals – \$75 fully refundable deposit

Arlington

Email first- cats@purrfectpals.org

(360) 652-9611

Miller's Rent All – small traps: \$15 daily/ \$30 week, large traps: \$20 daily/\$40 week

Edmonds

(425) 778-0141

The Community Cat Coalition – \$75 Fully Refundable Deposit / Free for CCC members

CCCoFWa@gmail.com to arrange for trap pick up from the CCC storage unit

Everett

Feral Cat Spay Neuter Project – \$85 Fully Refundable Deposit

Lynnwood

(425) 673-2287

PAWs Lynnwood – \$10/day or \$50/week, plus a \$100 deposit

(425) 787-2500

Ace Equipment Rentals – \$15 daily \$60 week

702 2nd Street, Snohomish, WA 98290

(360) 568-1300

The NOAH Center – \$50 deposit

31300 Brandstrom Road, Stanwood, WA 98292

(360) 629-7055

**These traps are designated for trapping cats for spay/neuter at their clinic.*

Homeward Pets – No deposit required at this time. Traps are “silver slappies”

13132 NE 177th Pl, Woodinville, WA 98072

(425) 488-4444

Purchasing your own trap

Many feed stores and hardware stores sell humane traps. We recommend buying [Tru-Catch](#) traps. These have ring closures instead of springs. This makes them both safer and quieter.

The cheaper spring-based traps make a loud slapping sound when triggered and many cats will avoid going into one if they hear one go off or accidentally spring it themselves while investigating the trap. Trappers often refer to these as “silver slappies”. Occasionally, a cat will be injured when their tail or leg gets caught by the spring door of this type of trap. www.trucatchtraps.com \$50 - \$100