



## TRAPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Friends of Strays accepts community cats in traps for Return to Field services **Sunday through Thursday, 10am to 6pm**. Please trap the night before you plan to bring the cat to Friends of Strays.

1. Line the bottom of the trap with newspaper and place food in the trap as far back as possible. Use potent, tasty food like tuna or wet food as bait and put it on a paper plate. Do not put a can in the trap. You can also dribble food juices leading up to the trap for enticement.
2. Cover the trap with a blanket, towel, or brush to entice the cat into the trap. This will also keep the cat calmer while in the trap.
3. If you feed the cat regularly, do **NOT** feed the cat for 24 to 48 hours prior to setting the trap. The cat is more likely to enter if they are very hungry.
4. If you catch the wrong cat, or another animal, just let it go. Be sure to stand behind the trap and use a stick to open the trap.
5. Set the trap the night before surgery, no earlier. Cats are more likely to enter traps at night. Don't leave the trap unattended and watch from a distance.
6. Cover the trap completely with a blanket, sheet, or towel as soon as the cat is trapped. Cats can panic and injure themselves, so the cover helps them remain calm.
7. Once the cat is trapped, move the trap to a safe, climate-controlled location overnight. Do not leave the cat out in the elements, especially if it is overly hot, cold, or wet.

**Remember to keep the trap covered at all times to help keep the cat calm.**

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