



COUNTY OF BERGEN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION
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TRAP/NEUTER/RETURN PROGRAM

The Trap/Neuter/Return (“TNR”) Program overseen by the Bergen County Department of Health Services is available to municipalities that contract our Animal Control Services and Municipalities who permit the program under their specific town ordinances. Be advised that we, as a contracted provider, are mandated to follow the ordinances specific to each Municipality.

We recognize there is a very dedicated group of individuals committed to responsibly feed and care for the feral cats living in our communities. We as Animal Control are committed to providing TNR services to those cats by having them spayed or neutered and vaccinated. The goal is to reduce the population by stopping reproduction, care for and treat the cats in a humane manner, and to prevent the spread of disease to the public by vaccinating for rabies.

In order to monitor the program and provide these services, we are implementing the following guidelines:

- Cats that are captured in humane traps will be brought to the shelter location Monday through Thursday between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. We will accept a maximum of twelve (12) cats on any given day, and cats will not be accepted after 9:00 am. Due to holiday schedules and veterinary availability, we have the right to cancel a drop off on any given day. Attempts to notify trappers through social media outlets will be made if deemed necessary.
- Trappers will be required to provide a driver’s license as identification, designate the location the cat was trapped and the location the cat will be returned to. Be advised we will be monitoring these locations and have the right to verify them for accuracy.
- Trappers will be required to briefly describe each cat to the best of their ability as to sex, color, and identifying features.
- We NOT will accept kittens approximately 12 weeks and under for the TNR program. The mission is to reduce the feral population, not increase it by returning potentially adoptable kittens. If kittens are trapped and brought in, they will be surrendered to the shelter. If the trapper is interested in working with kittens, they can sign up for our kitten foster program and we can reassign them as foster kittens.

- ALL cats will be ear tipped, no exceptions. If the trapper feels a cat may be adoptable, it will be surrendered to the shelter for evaluation. If the trapper wishes to provide care for the potentially adoptable cat, they can sign up and be approved as a rescue. They will then have pulling rights for the cat (and other cats under the care of the shelter).
- When dropping off the cat(s) the trapper will be given a receipt with a list and description of the cats left for TNR that day. It will be responsibility of the trapper to PICK UP the cat(s) at the designated veterinary location later that day, usually between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. The trapper will be required to provide the receipt as authorization to pick up the cats.
- If a trapper fails to pick up the cats as agreed upon, Animal Control will be advised and will pick up said cats and return them to the shelter. The designated trapper will potentially be REMOVED from the program will no longer be authorized to participate.
- The trapper may designate an alternative individual to pick up the cats, that individual must provide the receipt given earlier in the day.
- If the trapper wishes to have services other than spay/neuter and vaccine (rabies and distemper), they will be responsible to request on intake. The trapper will be required to reimburse the veterinary clinic when picking up the cat. A trapper who does not reimburse the veterinary clinic as agreed upon will be REMOVED from the program.
- If a trapper brings in a cat that is determined to be too sick to be spayed or neutered, the veterinary clinic will contact the trapper for approval to treat (if treatable) the cat. It shall be the responsibly of the trapper to reimburse the veterinary clinic for associated costs.
- The veterinary clinic has the right to refuse to perform surgery on any given cat that is deemed medically untreatable and that is inhumane to be returned to a colony location. The veterinary clinic has the right to euthanize a cat instead of spaying or neutering and will be reimbursed by the shelter for this service. The veterinary clinic will not be held responsible if a cat dies while a patient under this program.

I have read and understand the above guidelines for participation in the Bergen County Animal Services Trap/Neuter/Return program.

Print Name

Phone Number

Signature

Date

Address

CATS RECEIVED/RECEIPT

Shelter Number; _____

Sex (If known): _____

Description: _____

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Description: _____

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