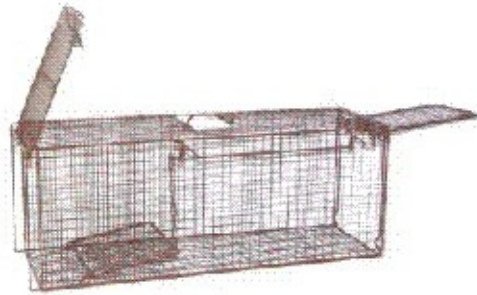


Step 1: Setting Your Trap



We use the Tru-Catch Double Door Humane Trap as shown above.

1. Slide both rings up to the top of the door.
2. Flip the door open and up.
3. Set the door on the variable trigger (as shown below), being careful to place as close to the bottom as you can.
4. The trap is now set and ready to catch your cat!



Step 2: Baiting Your Trap

1. Line the cage with folded newspaper for easy cage clean-up. Replace with clean paper whenever the cat eliminates.
2. Put a tablespoon of wet cat food, tuna, sardines or chicken on foil or a paper plate, inside and at the back of the trap behind the trip-plate.
3. Dribble a little food halfway to the set door. Dribble a little food at the set door.

Important Notes

Do not leave the trap unattended.

If you trap a wild animal, you can roll the trap with a broom and the door will fall open. The animal will then leave on it's own.

NEVER use a **Tip Me** trap to take an animal to Animal Control.

Step 3: Caring for a Trapped Cat

1. Immediately cover the trap with a towel (if not set with the cover on). This helps keep the cat calm and feel safe.

2. Relocate the trap to a quiet and safe place: indoors, away from weather and other loose or wild animals. If transporting to a safe place, move to vehicle now and wait for all cats to be trapped.

3. Remove any left over food by opening the back door ½" and carefully sliding the foil or plate out. Shut and latch the door. The cat should move to the opposite side of the trap whenever you tend to it.

4. Please remember the cat **cannot have any food or water after 8pm the night before surgery!**

5. Keep the cat covered and quiet overnight before surgery and **at least one night after surgery.**

You may provide a little food mixed with water the evening after surgery, though the cat may not be interested. Keep an eye on the cat to make sure they are recovering well.

If there are any complications, please call the vet that performed the surgery immediately; even after hours.

Step 4: Returning Your Cat

1. The morning after surgery, assess the cat. Has it eaten? Does it look alert? Your cat is most likely ready to go home. (Males can be released 12 hours after surgery. Females can be released 24-48 hours after surgery)
2. Keeping the trap covered, bring the cat to the same location in which they were caught.
3. Put some food and water out in your normal feeding location.
4. Take the trap to a spot where the cat must run by the food when released. Open the back door and walk away. The cat will leave on it's own.
5. It is not unusual for a released cat to stay away for a few days. They are recouping from surgery. Continue to feed as you normally would, the cat will eat when it is quiet. You will see the cat again, shortly.
6. Congratulations!

Step 5: Cleaning the Trap

***This process is crucial to avoid the spread of disease - please repeat the process between multiple trappings**

1. Spray the trap down with a hose. Scrub clean if necessary.
2. Spray the entire trap with Clorox Clean-Up or a 10% bleach solution and let air dry. Then rinse with the hose.
3. Let the trap air dry thoroughly.
4. Return trap(s) and towels to **Tip Me Frederick** when you have trapped your entire colony.

Thank you for your support and participation in this important program. Thank you for caring for the cats.



TRAPPING GUIDE

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