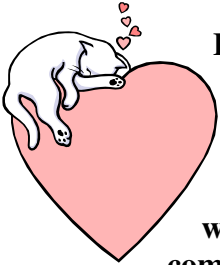


ANIMAL CARE PARTNERS OF SACRAMENTO (ACPS)

"I WANT TO HELP FERAL CATS"

INFORMATION SHEET



Feral cats are cats that people typically can't touch (not tame). They usually live outdoors in groups known as feral colonies. Many kind people feed feral cats but it is also important to get them spayed or neutered since they will reproduce and their numbers will grow quickly. The most humane method is called Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) since the cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered and then returned to where they were living. The following is information for those who want to help feral cats in our community:

Where can I find low-cost spay/neuter for feral cats?

- Sacramento Area Animal Coalition (SAAC) Feral Cat Coupon Program, \$10 per cat. Apply online at: www.sacanimal.org
- Sunday clinics at Sacramento SPCA (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays), \$15 per cat. Email Sacramento SPCA at: feralcats@sspca.org or call (916) 504-2818
- Vouchers from Coalition for Community Cats, \$15 per cat.
- Email to: info@coalition4cats.org
- Sacramento SPCA, walk-ins, Monday-Saturday: \$45 (female) or \$30 (male)
- Limit one cat per person with no appointment; drop off between 7:15-8 a.m. Pick up 4:00-5:00

Where can I get traps to catch the cats?

- Western Feed Stores, \$3 per day (plus \$65 refundable deposit)
- Bradshaw Feed & Pet Supplies, \$3 per day (plus \$75 refundable deposit)
- Yolo County Animal Services Shelter, \$3 per day (\$68 refundable deposit)

Where can I get assistance to help trap the cats?

There is no agency or group in the Sacramento area which routinely provides trapping assistance. However, the following are some ways to ask for help:

- SAAC has an e-mail list serve with about 300 animal rescuers and advocates as subscribers, including feral cat caregivers. You can subscribe to this list, and then ask for help and advice by sending an email to saac-subscribe@lists.riseup.net.
- Coalition for Community Cats is a network of Sacramento area feral cat caregivers and also has an email discussion group. To subscribe to their list and ask for help and advice, go to their website at www.coalition4cats.org

Where can I get advice on feral cats and the TNR process?

- SAAC's Web site at www.sacanimal.org has information about feral cats and trapping tips.
- The Coalition for Cats' Web site at www.coalition4cats.org also has trapping tips and colony management information.
- Alley Cat Allies at www.alleycat.org, a national organization based in Washington, D.C. is an authority on TNR.