

NYC Community Cat Caretaker Resource Guide

Congratulations! By completing the online TNR workshop, you qualify to register online as a Certified TNR Caretaker in New York City. Registration automatically enters you in our Certified TNR Caretaker database, so you don't need to show a card to take advantage of the services in this guide.

General Information

The information in this Guide may go out of date. For the most complete and up-to-date information, please visit the NYC Feral Cat Initiative (NYCFCI) at www.nycferalcat.org.

Your Dedicated Helpdesk

Keep this email address handy: certified@NYCFeralCat.org. This is NYCFCI's dedicated Certified TNR Caretaker helpdesk where you can ask questions about obtaining traps, finding trapping help, or other TNR-related issues.

Free or Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

The following organizations offer free or low-cost spay/neuter services (and related treatment) for community cats from New York City.

ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic

The ASPCA provides services for community cats at their Stationary Clinic in Glendale, Queens. The free spay/neuter package includes a rabies vaccination and left eartipping. Limited wellness services are also available on request and at reduced cost.

You must register with the ASPCA in order to use their free spay/neuter clinic services, transport, and trap bank. To register, visit the ASPCA's online Rescuer Services Scheduler (RSS) at www.aspcapro.org/scheduler. This system replaces the ASPCA's paper terms of use agreements. RSS features allow you to book, view, edit, and cancel spay/neuter and transport appointments and trap bank reservations online, 24/7. A color-coded calendar makes it easy to view appointment availability online in real time in case last-minute appointments are needed.

How it works: Each rescuer has an account, either as an individual or as part of a rescue organization, where rescuer agreements can be e-signed, appointments made, etc. Each rescue organization also has an account for managing their list of rescuers. Rescuer agreements signed by rescuers under an organization must be approved by that organization.

Not online? Rescuers who do not have regular internet access may send their name and address to the ASPCA in order to receive a paper agreement. Mailing address: ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic, 1717 South Philo Road, Suite 36, Urbana, IL 61802.

The Humane Society of New York Clinic

The Humane Society of New York (HSNY) offers services for community cats, including: free spay/neuter, left eartip, rabies vaccination, and flea and ear mite medication. Further services, such as testing, are available at regular fees. If a cat is sick or injured, free or discounted treatment may be available at the discretion of the HSNY.

Please call (212) 752-4840 to schedule appointments. Appointments are available 7 days a week. Cats need to be signed in between 8:30 - 9:30 am the morning of your spay/neuter date, and pick-up is usually between 3:00 - 4:00 pm, unless you're instructed otherwise.

The Humane Society of New York is at 306 East 59th Street, New York, New York 10022.

Very Important: Each cat must be brought in a separate trap or transfer cage, covered completely with a sheet — no exceptions. This is for the protection of the staff. Carriers or other containers are not acceptable.

Note: The HSNY does not provide post-surgery boarding. You must pick up cats at the requested time and bring them to your own pre-arranged recovery space.

The Toby Project

[The Toby Project](#) offers free spay/neuter in all five boroughs for community cats. Note that the spay/neuter surgery and eartip are free but there is a \$5 charge for a mandatory rabies vaccine. Additional wellness services are also available at a heavily discounted fee.

Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island: Call the stationary Spay/Neuter Toby Clinic at Ferals in Peril's location in Brooklyn, which serves community cats. Clinics are every Sunday and Monday by appointment. To schedule appointments call (347) 816-2899, Tuesday through Saturday between 1:00 - 7:00 pm (calls are usually returned within 24 hours).

Bronx and Queens: Email Tobyprojectnyc@gmail.com to schedule appointments on the Toby Project's weekly mobile spay/neuter clinic.

MAMA Coupon (Muffin's Pet Connection/Mayor's Alliance)

The Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals works with Muffin's Pet Connection to offer the MAMA Coupon for low-cost community cat spay/neuter. Included in the coupon price (\$58 for females; \$45 for males) are spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, and left eartip. Any other services or costs are strictly optional; we recommend getting an estimate before services are rendered. See www.muffins.org/MAMA.htm for a list of participating veterinarians and program guidelines.

Friends of Animals

Friends of Animals offers low-cost Cat Spay Certificates for \$65 and Cat Neuter Certificates for \$51. If you are making an appointment for feral cats using these certificates, please make sure the clinic is on our Feral-Friendly Veterinarians page. It's very important that the clinic you choose can accommodate feral cats. Call 800-321-PETS or visit www.FriendsofAnimals.org.

General Wellness

The Humane Society of New York

In addition to spay/neuter, HSNY's community cat-friendly clinic offers veterinary services and treatment for illness and injury. Discounts may be available for these services. Please call (212) 752-4840 to schedule appointments.

The Humane Society of New York is at 306 East 59th Street, New York, New York 10022.

Feral-Friendly Private Practice Veterinarians

The following veterinary practices in New York City have experience working with community cats. Fees and services vary.

House Call Veterinary Services

On the Go Veterinary Services
Dr. Michael Berman
Phone: (917) 472-9597
Website: otgvs.com

Dr. Mathew Nebel
347-968-1434
visitingvetnyc.com

Bronx

Bronx Veterinary Center
Dr. Atlee Douglas
2460 Webster Avenue
Bronx, NY 10548
(718) 933-1002
bronxvetcenter.com

Riverdale Veterinary Group
3607 Riverdale Avenue
Bronx, NY 10463
(718) 796-8387
riverdalevetgroup.com

One Love Animal Hospital– Riverdale
3547 Johnson Ave
Bronx, NY 10463
(718) 543-1735
onelovevet.com

Brooklyn

Animal Clinic of Bay Ridge
689 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228
(718) 833-0700
animalclinicofbayridge.com

One Love Animal Hospital – Boerum Hill
317 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 532-7410
onelovevet.com

Animal Kind Veterinary Hospital
365 7th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215
(718) 832-3899
animalkind.com

One Love Animal Hospital – Bay Ridge
8209 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209
(347) 549-4050
onelovevet.com

Feral-Friendly Veterinarians, continued

MVU Veterinary Services
94 Avenue U, Brooklyn, NY 11223
(718) 373-0240
mvuvetservices.com

Narrows Animal Hospital
9107 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209
(718) 238-5055

Park Slope Veterinary Center – Dr. Y. Szacki
639 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232
Phone: (718) 369-7387
parkslopeveterinarycenter.vetstreet.com

Prospect Park Animal Clinic
105 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215
(718) 768-6125
prospectparkanimalclinic.com

Queens

Animal Clinic of Woodhaven
76-23 Jamaica Avenue
Woodhaven, NY 11421
(718) 296-0500
<http://www.petdocwoodhaven.com>

Steinway Court Veterinarian
32-41R Steinway Street
Long Island City, NY 11103
(718) 728-2822
<http://www.steinwaycourtvet.com>

Astoria Veterinary Group
23-54 Steinway Street
New York, NY 11105
(718) 777-0100
<http://www.astoriaveterinarygroup.com>

Whitestone Veterinary Care
22-22 154th Street
Whitestone, NY 11357
(718) 888-0400
<http://www.drwylerpetdoc.com>

Flushing Veterinary Hospital
40-24 Murray Street
Flushing, NY 11354
(718) 445-0410

Queens/Nassau County Border:
Great Neck Animal Hospital
660 Northern Blvd.
Great Neck, NY 11021
(516) 482-0588
<http://gnah.vetstreet.com>

Manhattan

Animal General
558 Columbus Avenue
New York, NY 10024
(212) 501-9600
<http://animalgeneral.com>

West Side Animal Hospital
453 W 46th Street
New York, NY 10036
(212) 247-8600
<http://westsideanimalnyc.com>

Murray Hill Pet Hospital
47 East 30th St., New York, NY 10016
(212) 685-2857
<http://www.vetnyc.com>

Yorkville Animal Hospital
227 E 84th St, New York, NY 10028
(212) 249-8802
<http://onelovevet.com>

Uptown Veterinary Associates
295 W 112th St., New York, NY 10026
(212) 222-1221
<http://www.uptownvetsnyc.com>

Feral-Friendly Veterinarians, continued

Staten Island

Aadobe Animal Hospital
1294 Forest Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10302
(718) 370-0700

Island Bird Cat & Dog Veterinary Group
369 Manor Road
Staten Island, NY 10314
(718) 370-9472

The Clinic at Country Estate
4838 Arthur Kill Road
Staten Island, NY 10309
(718) 356-3933

Northside Animal Hospital
773 Post Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10310
(718) 981-4445

CompleteCare Veterinary Center
1293 Clove Road
Staten Island, NY 10301
(718) 720-4211

Pleasant Plains Animal Hospital
6395 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY 10309
(718) 227-8387

Forest Animal Hospital
1050 Forest Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10310
(718) 442-4377

Staten Island Veterinary Group
3875 Victory Boulevard
Staten Island, NY 10314
(718) 370-0390

Transport

ASPCA Spay/Neuter Transport

The ASPCA's clinics work in tandem with their transport service, which provides free rides to their Glendale clinic for spay/neuter candidates, including community cats and qualified animals from local rescue groups and humane organizations. Their climate-controlled vehicles were specifically designed to provide safe and comfortable transport for community cats in traps. A schedule of appointments is emailed monthly to Certified TNR Caretakers with a valid ASPCA Terms of Use Agreement and can be viewed on the online Rescuer Services Scheduler (RSS). Visit the RSS at www.aspcapro.org/scheduler to review and sign the Terms of Use agreement.

There are two FREE options for animal transport to and from the ASPCA spay/neuter clinics:

Private Locations

Eligible animal rescue organizations or individuals can schedule an ASPCA transport vehicle to pick-up **a minimum of 15 animals** from the location of their choice.

1. Two-Day Transport:

All animals will be returned to the same location the following day. (This is a good option for caretakers who have limited holding space).

- Pick up day and time: Tuesday- Saturday 7:00 A.M.
- Drop-off day and time: Wednesday –Saturday 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

2. Same-Day Transport:

All animals will be returned to the same location the same day.

- Pick-up day and time: Tuesday- Saturday 7:00 A.M.
- Drop-off day and time: Tuesday- Saturday 7:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

OR

Central Locations

Eligible animal rescue organizations or individuals can schedule an appointment to have an ASPCA transport vehicle pick up your animal(s) from a pre-determined location. There is no minimum number of animals required to participate.

The transport calendar and locations is announced monthly via email to all Certified TNR Caretakers with a valid Terms of Use agreement.

1. Two-Day Transport:

All animals will be returned to the same location the following day.

- Pick up days and time: Tuesday- Saturday 7:00 A.M.
- Drop off days and time: Wednesday – Saturday 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

2. Same-Day Transport:

All animals will be returned to the same location the same day.

- Pick-up days and time: Tuesday- Saturday 7:00 A.M.
- Drop-off days and time: Tuesday- Saturday 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Upon arrival at the clinic, all animals are examined and surgery is performed on healthy candidates. Animals recover in our facility and are transported back to the same location.

Mayor's Alliance Wheels of Hope

Transport of traps, winter shelters, and cats are available on a limited basis to Certified TNR Caretakers for their scheduled TNR projects. The Mayor's Alliance's Wheels of Hope vans carry traps between trap banks and TNR project sites, and transport trapped cats to spay/neuter clinics, surgical recovery spaces, and back to their original colonies. Email transport@animalallianceny.org for a transport request form (also included in your workshop package). Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Trap & Equipment Loans

Equipment for TNR projects, including traps, trap dividers (isolators), and cages, can be borrowed or rented from trap banks in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, and Staten Island. Be sure to book your spay/neuter appointments prior to reserving traps.

Bronx

Bronx Tails Trap Bank

A limited number of traps are available at this location. An appointment and refundable deposit are required. Traps must be returned cleaned and in a timely manner.

Location: Call or email for location

Phone: (917) 499-2985

Email: tnrjamie@gmail.com

Brooklyn

Neighborhood Cats Trap Bank

Traps are lent to Certified TNR Caretakers on Saturdays, 11AM–Noon. A reservation and refundable deposit are required. Traps must be returned cleaned and in a timely manner.

Location: Public Storage, 30 Prince Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

To reserve traps, submit a request at www.neighborhoodcats.org/tnr-in-nyc/trap-banks

Muffin's Pet Connection Trap Bank

Muffin's Pet Connection rents humane cat traps. There is an \$80 cash deposit. The charge is \$7 for the first day, then \$3 a day for each additional day that the trap is out. When the trap is returned, they deduct the rental charge from the \$80 deposit. The deposit is forfeited if the trap or cage is not returned. The trap must be cleaned with bleach and water before it is returned.

Location: Visit the Muffin's Pet Connection website for a list of pick-up locations.

Web: www.muffins.org

Queens

NYC Feral Cat Initiative Queens Trap Bank

Traps are available for loan by appointment only. A refundable deposit is required. Traps must be cleaned and disinfected with bleach and water and returned in a timely manner.

Location: Queens, NY (email for location)

Email: FCLtraps.LIC@gmail.com

ASPCA Trap Bank

The ASPCA rents traps, dividers, and animal carriers to Certified TNR Caretakers with a current ASPCA Terms of Use Agreement and an Equipment Rental Terms of Use Agreement on file.

Visit the Rescuer Services Scheduler (RSS) at www.aspcapro.org/scheduler to review and sign the Terms of Use agreements. To schedule an appointment sign into the RSS or email TNRtrapbank@aspcapro.org. Email requests will be processed in 2 business days. Rental

and return appointments are available on Mondays and Tuesdays 10AM-4PM and on Wednesdays through Sundays 1PM-5PM. and 7PM-9PM.

Web: www.aspcapro.org/ssnc

SaveKitty Foundation Trap Bank

An appointment and refundable deposit are required. Traps must be returned cleaned and in a timely manner.

Location: Call for location

Phone: (347) 993-3163

Web: www.savekitty.org

Staten Island

NYC Feral Cat Initiative Staten Island Trap Bank

Traps are available for loan 7 days a week by appointment. A reservation and refundable deposit are required. Traps must be returned clean and in a timely manner.

Location: Great Kills, Staten Island (exact location given with reservation)

Email: sicatman@aol.com

Neighborhood Cats Trap Bank

Traps are lent on Saturdays, 10AM–Noon. A reservation and refundable deposit are required.

Traps must be cleaned with bleach and water and returned in a timely manner.

Location: Staten Island, zip code 10314 (exact location provided upon reservation)

To reserve traps, submit a request at www.neighborhoodcats.org/tnr-in-nyc/trap-banks.

Cat Colony Registration

Note: There are two organizations separately collecting details about managed community cat colonies. This is for the safety and well-being of the cats.

Both the NYC Feral Cat Initiative and Neighborhood Cats strongly encourage Certified TNR Caretakers in New York City to submit information about the locations of their community cat colonies. Each database serves a different purpose, so it is important to register your colony with both. *The information you submit will be kept strictly confidential.*

- Register your colony with the NYC Feral Cat Initiative to help to secure grants and funding for TNR, and to help NYCFCI flag areas where TNR resources are needed most. To register, visit <http://www.nycferalcat.org/colonyregistration.htm>.
- Register your colony with Neighborhood Cats to protect your eartipped cats if they are brought to Animal Care & Control -- you'll be notified and able to retrieve your cats. To register, visit www.nycferaldata.org.

Adoption Options

If you have decided to find homes for friendly adults and young kittens from your colony, you have three basic options:

- **Foster and find homes on your own.** Be sure you have the time and room to foster them yourself, especially if you are socializing kittens, and that you have a network – friends, acquaintances, organizations – to help you find those homes.
- **Limited-admission rescues and shelters.** These include many of the Alliance Participating Organizations of the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals – see www.animalallianceny.org/adoption.
- **Open-admission – ACC.** See www.nyacc.org/Locations.htm. AC&C is very proactive and creative in finding good homes for animals; their mobile adoption vans and the New Hope partner program have dramatically reduced euthanasia rates over the past 10+ years. The ASPCA partners with AC&C not only as a New Hope partner but also by having a special program that is dedicated to taking in kittens from AC&C. When bringing a cat to ACC, get the “A-number” assigned to that cat so you can check on how the cat is doing.

Recovery Space Ideas

Suitable areas for recovering trapped cats include: basements, garages, empty storefronts, or a bathroom for one or two trapped cats. And with some imagination, a small room can safely fit several cats (see the tips at the end of the list below).

Some general guidelines on deciding whether a space is suitable for recovering cats:

- Secure from other animals & people; cats can't escape the room
- Temperature-controlled; keep at about 70 degrees
- Low noise level
- Light fixtures or electrical outlet
- Exhaust or ventilation for odor control
- Running water preferred
- Flooring & tables that are easy to clean & disinfect
- Some tips on figuring out capacity of your space:
 - A 3' x 6' table holds up to 5 cats in traps lined up side by side
 - A shelving unit maximizes space for cleaned/fed cats in traps
 - Use a separate small work table to maximize space and ensure proper cleaning. Take traps one by one from the larger table or shelves for cleaning and feeding on the work table.

Where to Find Straw

Straw is the best bedding for cat shelters. It is a great natural, renewable insulator. It wicks moisture, dries quickly, and cats can burrow inside a pile of straw to get all-around insulation inside a shelter.

Bales of straw are plentiful during the early fall in garden centers, home improvement stores, some craft stores, and even supermarkets, but straw becomes scarce after Halloween. The small “decorative” bales are more expensive than the larger bales for farms, but a little straw goes a very long way when it’s fluffed up.

Feed stores and equine businesses are good sources of straw year-round. Online retailers also sell straw year-round for craft projects. For more tips on finding straw and building or buying winter shelters, visit <http://www.nycferalcat.org/info-colony.htm>.

Note: Stores sometimes refer to it as “hay” when it’s actually “straw.” Straw, used as bedding for livestock, is the hollow, dried stems of harvested grain; it is shiny and yellow. Hay, used to feed livestock, is dried grass; it is duller and greenish. Hay contains moisture and may attract unwanted hungry wildlife and make a cat shelter damp inside, so straw is the recommended bedding.