



Feral Cat Procedures for Mary S. Roberts Spay and Neuter Clinic

Clinic open: Tuesday-Friday 7:30-6:00 (drop off between 7:30-8:30 and pick up 5:30-6:00)

Address: 6165 Industrial Ave. Riverside CA 92504

Phone: (951) 977-8634

Preparing to trap:

1. Call Mary S. Roberts and set appointments if you will bring in 5 or more feral cats in one day. If you are trapping 4 or fewer cats no appointment is needed for feral cats **which need to be in humane traps**. **If the cats are brought in carriers instead of humane traps TNR will not be responsible for payment.** Just show up with the cats Tuesday-Friday between 7:30 and 8:30 AM. If the cat is friendly, but free roaming contact MSR PAC Clinic, let them know you have a friendly community cat you would like to bring in for spay/neuter but can't guarantee it will show up on the day surgery is scheduled. They will let you know if you need an appointment. **The top of the cat's right ear will be tipped to indicate it is a fixed Community Cat.**
2. Financial Assistance: If financial assistance is requested it needs to be planned for prior to trapping. Please call actors and others 818-755-6045, let them know you have feral cats you are trying to get fixed and ask if they can pledge towards the cost. They typically cover \$10-15 of each cat. When you call they will need to know 1. What clinic the cats are being fixed at, 2. How many, and 3. Whose name the cats will be coming in under so they can relay to the clinic that they will be paying a certain amount of your bill. If additional funding is needed TNR Riverside will cover the remaining cost of the spay/neuter, FVRCP, and rabies vaccine costs (you must have already also called Actors and Others). To request assistance from TNR Riverside complete the online form (if you have not already done so). A TNR Riverside volunteer will then be in contact. If TNR Riverside is covering some costs a TNR Riverside volunteer will submit agreed upon payment directly to the clinic.
3. Traps: 1-2 Traps can be loaned from TNR Riverside (for TNR purposes only) at The Pet Rescue Thrift Store. Prior to borrowing traps you must fill out the help request form on our website, complete the equipment loan form, and bring it with you to pick up your traps. Upon pick up a copy of the form and your driver's license will be taken. Traps are loaned for up to two weeks and expected to be returned clean. Please call before going to pick up traps to ensure there are some available. Pet Rescue Thrift Store (951) 222-2104, 3564 Central Ave. Riverside 92506, Open Tuesday-Sunday 10:00-5:00.



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Trap the cats the night before surgery. Line trap with paper, bait trap with canned food (we suggest pushing wet food through the bottom of the trap on a paper plate, so the plate and can food can be easily removed if it's not all eaten), place trap in location cat typically eats. Detailed video found through this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_wGg2SvsFEE. Ensure trapped cats are covered as soon as the trap closes. This keeps the cat safe and immediately calms them to stop banging against trap. Once trapped and covered, the cats stay in the traps overnight. We recommend placing the traps in a secure environment such as a garage, so they are safe and warm. All food should be removed by 10:00 the night before surgery.

Day two is surgery day, you drop off in the morning (between 7:30 and 8:30) and pick up cats in the evening the same day (between 5:30 and 6:00). The cats also stay in traps that night. While the Anesthesia wears off, cats can't regulate body temperature so it's important they stay warm. The next morning cats should be released back to the neighborhood as long as they are alert and seem to be acting normal. *TNR Riverside would be extremely grateful if you could email pictures of the cats you trap, or post to our Facebook page (TNR Riverside) so we can show our donors (who make funding assistance possible) the cats that they are helping. Once the cat is released, trap should be cleaned of all newspaper and debris, then cleaned with a disinfectant like Ottoban. Please do not use bleach as it corrodes the traps and we would like to have them as long as possible.