

**ASF HUMANE CAT TRAP LOAN
and TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN AGREEMENT**

Please read, complete and initial the conditions below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell: _____ **Home:** _____ **Work:** _____

Email: _____

Form of Deposit Payment: Cash _____ Credit _____ Check _____

Pick-up Date: _____

Due Back Date: _____

Cost The trap loaner is free and there is no charge for the spay/neuter surgery with this program, with a refundable \$25 deposit in the form of cash or check. The deposit will be refunded back at the time of the trap being returned. We will hold your check and return it to you when the trap is returned. There is an **additional** fee of \$5 per day for each day the trap is out beyond the agreed loan period. Deposits will not be refunded in the case of the trap being lost, damaged, or stolen.

There is a maximum of 3 traps loaned per person and a maximum rental period of 10 days. Please call us at 850-894-6738 if you are having a problem trapping the cat in this amount of time.

You should make an appointment at Tally Spay Clinic (5021 W. Tennessee St. Tallahassee, FL. 32304) for the spay/neuter surgery at tallyspay.com. This appointment will be the day you trap the cat and bring it in. **Please be there as early as possible, with the cat, between 8:00am-8:30am. Pick up is between 4:00pm-4:30pm. Tally Spay Clinic hours are Tuesday – Friday 7:30am-5pm.** _____

Weather Be sure to check the weather before setting the trap. A trap should never be set during severe weather conditions. The location must be dry and should provide adequate shade from the sun and cover in case it should rain. In colder weather, the trap should be placed in a location somewhat sheltered from the elements. Do not trap in temperatures lower than 45 degrees.

Food. Common food sources typically used are canned cat food, dry cat food, tuna (in oil), canned salmon or mackerel, sardines, roasted or fried chicken. _____

Preparing. Scout out the area to determine if it's safe to leave the trap unattended. Try leaving the trap in the open for a few days without the food source to help the cat get adjusted to seeing the trap. On Sunday night or the night before you plan to bring the cat in, open the reardoor and line the trap with newspaper or card board to protect the cat's paws. Use a small amount of food in the food bowl/plate. Place the trap on the ground, making certain it is stable and will not rock or tip. Avoid placing the trap out in the open, where cat would likely feel vulnerable and nervous. Instead, place the traps lengthwise against a wall, fence or other barrier or under a bush. Leave the immediate area quietly. View the trapping example at <https://www.trucatchtraps.com/how-to>. Or call Leon County Animal Control at 850-606-5400 for additional help.

Trapping. Once you capture the target cat, be careful when moving, as the cats can move back and forth quickly, making the trap difficult to handle. It's not unusual for cats to thrash around inside the trap. Fortunately, the injuries associated with this behavior (e.g., bloody nose, torn nails) tend to be minor. **Cover the trap completely with the cover provided.** Never use plastic sheets or heavy fabric in hot weather for this might cause the cat to overheat. Place the cat in a quiet area. Never reach into a trap to calm a cat or to remove. Check trapped cat for an ear-tip. If you trap an ear-tipped cat and it is NOT sick or injured, release the cat in the same location where it has been trapped. This cat has already been spayed or neutered and lives in the area. If you trap a cat that appears to be a nursing mother, release the cat in the same location to not result in orphaned kittens that have no way to survive. _____

Transport. Place a plastic (sheet) barrier on the bottom of your car in the back if it is an SUV or the backseat if a passenger car. Place the covered cat trap with the cat inside on the plastic (sheet) barrier and try to keep the trap as level as possible so there is no chance that it will topple. _____

If you trap a stray cat with a life-threatening injury or illness contact animal control or, if it's after-hours, please contact the Consolidated Dispatch Agency at 850-606-5800 to have the on-call animal control officer paged. _____

Trapping wildlife. You should release wildlife exactly where the animal was trapped. If you trap a wild animal that is sick or injured, do not attempt to handle it and contact St. Francis Wildlife at 850-627-4151 for assistance. If you have been bitten or scratched by the animal, do not release it and instead contact animal control for further guidance. _____

After Care for Friendly and Feral Community Cats:

Trapped Cats are expected to be observed and cared for in a clean, safe and appropriate environment for a minimum of 12 hours after discharge from Tally Spay Clinic.

It is recommended that cats are observed for up to 72 hours post op prior to release. The stress level of the confined cat should be considered when determining time of release.

E-Collars are not required and will not be provided for trapped cats.

Cats that underwent late term spay/abort should be held for 4-5 days.

Post op cats should be in a temperate, quiet, secure locations, kept covered and fed twice a day.

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By initialing each section and signing this Trap Agreement, I am agreeing to follow the directions listed above.

Customer's Signature

ASF Representative Issuing Trap

Trap Returned Date: _____

Received by: _____