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## Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Program:

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The Winnipeg Humane Society would be glad to accept a donation towards this program, if possible. The donation would help offset some of the costs of running the program. Traps can be rented. For more information please call 982-2032. Also, The Winnipeg Humane Society requires a \$50.00 cash deposit for the use of each trap. The deposit is refunded upon return of the same trap in the same condition as when lent out. Traps are lent out for a maximum of 2 weeks. Please call for availability of traps (204.982.2021).

All TNR cats can be dropped off Monday to Wednesday **only**, between the hours of 8:30 am to 8:00 pm. If you do not catch any cats by Wednesday, please close the trap down.

When dropping off cats for TNR, please advise our staff that it is a TNR cat. Also please bring the crate/cage along so we can place the cat into it post-surgery.

Any cats that bite are a public health concern and need to be euthanized (you may not be notified.) Any cats displaying sickness will NOT be sterilized; you will be notified to find out if you can take back for treatment if reasonable. Please ensure your phone numbers are correct in the event we need to contact you during the day.

Post surgery, all cats need to be monitored closely for a period of 48 hours. Please ensure you have an area to contain the cat.

All cats are tattooed at the time of surgery; the tattoo will register to the person who has registered with the TNR program. All cats are vaccinated against distemper, calici, rhinotracheitis, psittaci, and Chlamydia while under anesthetic.

**NOTE:** Traps are not to be set when temperatures exceed  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . All traps must be checked a minimum of every four hours and be placed in a sheltered area. If you have any questions please call 982-2032.

## Procedures for the TNR Program

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### First: Catch the cat

In order to sterilize a cat, you first have to catch it, and bring it into The Winnipeg Humane Society. If you know of a cat candidate you would like to have fixed, you can put your name down on the TNR list at The Humane Society. When we have a free trap, you can pick it up and we will arrange a surgery time. In the case of "friendly" cats, you might not even need a trap, in which case you should call The Humane Society before bringing the animal in, to make sure we have room for the surgery in our schedule.

### Second: Treat the cat

At a predetermined time, our veterinarians will spay or neuter the cat. They will also vaccinate the cat provide identification and if possible, treat the cat for other previously unknown conditions. If you bring the cat to The Humane Society and there are other health problems that come up during the examination or surgery, you must be willing to treat the cat as prescribed or allow euthanasia.

### Third: Care for the cat

After the surgery, you will be responsible for returning the cat to his or her home territory and providing the cat with food, shelter and ongoing care while the animal is healing.

### Which cats?

In order to qualify for our free TNR program the stray cats must be:

Over four months of age

Friendly strays—cats who, although not owned, are socialized to people, or

Feral cats—cats not socialized to human contact that have to be trapped

Please be sure that the cat you bring in is NOT owned, and that your neighbors are OK with stray cats hanging around your house.

#### **Why TNR?**

Many communities are plagued with the problem of homeless cats. Some of these cats are "neighborhood" cats who are not cared for by anyone in particular, but seem to get by on hand-outs made by generous people. Others are "feral" cats with wild temperaments who can't be approached by humans. While we have made great strides in encouraging people to spay or neuter their own companion cats, the stray population in our community continue to reproduce unchecked and contribute greatly to Winnipeg's cat overpopulation problem.

The Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR) program is designed to address the over population of stray cats. It has already proven successful in other communities such as San Diego, California, where after just four years of a similar program, the local shelters found they were euthanizing 50% fewer cats.

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