

COMMUNITY CATS IN NORTH BAY VILLAGE

- There are a little more than **100 community cats*** in North Bay Village, with the majority of colonies living on Treasure Island
- Nearly **90%** of these cats have been spayed or neutered
- These community cats have either been abandoned by their owners, or are the descendants of feral or free roaming cats

A goal of the Animal Control Advisory Board of North Bay Village is to prevent the growth of the community cat population by ...

Continuous monitoring of cat colonies

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Encouraging residents to participate in the city's Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program

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Trap
Neuter
Return
Program

*Courtesy of the
Animal Control
Advisory Board*

WHAT IS TNR?

Trap-Neuter-Return, or TNR, is an effective and humane method used to stabilize community cats by preventing new litters of kittens, eventually resulting in a reduction of the population.

Sterilizing the cats also prevents roaming, spraying, and fighting, all nuisance behaviors associated with mating. During TNR, a cat is also vaccinated.

Cats that have been TNR-ed can be identified by a small ear tip (usually on the left ear). Often this will be hard to see, unless you approach the cat closely.



A typical trap used for TNR

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE TNR PROGRAM?

If you see a cat that does not appear to be fixed, please take the following steps:

1. Contact the Village at **(305) 756-7171** between 9AM – 3PM to reserve a trap
2. Traps can be picked up on Mondays or Tuesdays from 9AM – 3PM at the Public Works Yard (1841 Galleon Street), or at Pets & Vets (1181 71st Street, Miami Beach). You will also receive instructions. Please bring proof of residence
3. Place the trap outside on your property that night. Check the trap immediately the following morning and contact the Pets & Vets at **(305) 861-1113** before 10AM if you have caught a cat. If you have caught anything else, please let the animal go
4. If you **DO** catch a cat – please take to Pets & Vets before 12PM. If you cannot transport, let them know when you call
5. If you **DO NOT** catch a cat – feel free to keep the trap and try again the following Monday or Tuesday night

TNR TIPS

Place the trap near where you notice the cat to be – alongside a house, next to bushes, etc. Sometimes it helps if the trap is partially obscured

- Try to ensure the cat you are attempting to catch does not eat for at least 12 hours before putting the trap out – food is used as bait, so the hungrier the cat is, the more likely they are to enter the trap
- Place newspaper along the bottom of the trap. Try placing some drops of a smelly liquid, like that from a can of tuna or sardines, along the newspaper to attract the cat



- Make sure you place the food beyond the trigger for the trap, to better ensure that the cat will step on it and trigger the trap (as in the picture above)
- After the cat has triggered the trap and the door shuts, place a large piece of cloth over the trap to calm them