

# Thank you for helping to trap the cats!

Here are a few simple things to keep in mind so that the process goes smoothly, safely, and humanely.

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## **Know The Plan:**

- Contact Name/Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- What times should the trap be set? \_\_\_\_\_
- "Acclimation" period w/trap secured open? \_\_\_\_\_
- Transport (who/when/where): \_\_\_\_\_
- Temporary/overnight hold? \_\_\_\_\_



## **Keep Cool:**

- Keep traps out of the sun and bright light. PLAN AHEAD as the sun shifts!
- Animals can overheat quickly and suffer other medical conditions.
- Bright light causes significantly more stress.



## **Stay Nearby:**

- NEVER leave a trap unattended for long periods, and check regularly.
- Trapped cats are vulnerable; you are responsible for keeping them safe.
- A trapped cat may be injured or become agitated, and even move the trap.
- Among many things, animals can come by, and cats can get covered with ants.



## **Cover the Trap:**

- If not already covered, cover the trap IMMEDIATELY once the cat is trapped.
- Covering the trap keeps cats calm and prevents stress and injury.
- Leave no space where the cat can see out.



## **Keep Protected:**

- Keep the trap away from sprinklers, loud noises, children, dogs and other pets.
- Insure that the trap is not accessible to other animals, especially coyotes, raccoons and other feral cats.



## **Leave Closed:**

- Once a cat is trapped DO NOT OPEN the trap door except in an emergency!
- Do not attempt to handle, pet, remove, or transfer a cat in a trap.
- Do not add/change food or water unless directed to do so and shown how.



## **Interlopers:**

- Sometimes wildlife and other cats will get unintentionally trapped.
- These animals need to be released as soon as possible. IF you feel comfortable, open the door to let them out. Wear gloves and watch your fingers!
- OTHERWISE, contact your primary contact or Animal Control for assistance.