

S.O.S. - Spay Our Strays

Instructions for S.O.S. Clinic on _____

Cats should be dropped off by 1 pm at the office of Dr. Paul Phillips (3520 South Main St Rd, Batavia). Payment of \$35 per cat is required at the time of drop off. We accept cash or checks.

It is a good idea to set your trap close to the feeding area for a couple of days. The trap can be wired open so cats can feed in the trap, to get used to going in it. Withhold food for 24 hours prior to trapping so your cat is hungry. Continue to provide water.

Start trapping the day before your appointment.

Use a small paper plate and bait the trap with some smelly wet food. Food should be placed at the very back of the trap, so cats will trigger the trap. Some cats step over the trigger plate to eat the food off the plate. In this instance, place a tablespoon of wet food directly onto the trigger plate.

Never leave traps outside, unattended for more than an hour in cold weather. Never leave traps unattended overnight.

As soon as the cat is caught, cover trap completely with a few towels or blankets. This will make the cat feel safer and keep it warm.

Cats can be left in well-covered traps over night. Please keep the trap in an enclosed area, such as garage or barn. Put trap up on blocks or wood a few inches, so cats are not sitting in their urine and feces.

Never attempt to handle a feral cat. Do not release a cat with the intent that you will be able to trap it again. Cats are extremely smart and re-trapping can prove difficult.

If you are trapping more than one cat, try not to let the other cats see their buddies in traps.

It's okay if more than one cat gets in your trap. Just leave them both in the cage. Do not attempt to release the "wrong" cat.

"Drop traps" are available for difficult-to-trap cats, or for cats in a large colony where trapping just one cat proves too difficult.

Pick up will be at _____ at Dr. Phillips office. Ideally, cats should be fed in the evening after spay/neuter and released the next morning. During very cold months, keep cats in a heated area overnight if possible. Cats must be released back into their familiar environment.

For useful trapping tips or how to trap difficult cats, please visit us on-line at
www.spayourstrays.info

Donations are gratefully accepted to help other feral cat colonies in our area.

Thank you very much for caring about our strays.
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