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TRAP LOAN FORM AND CONDITIONS OF USE; St Louis Feral Cat Outreach traps:

I understand that St Louis Feral Cat Outreach's trap(s) are for TNR the Trap-Neuter-Return of feral (aka community, alley or stray etc) cats only. **Trapped cats may NOT be taken to an animal shelter or pound for destruction or surrender. Cat may not be relocated or released at a location other than where they were trapped.**

Traps may not be used for wildlife; if these animals are trapped accidentally; they must be released unharmed at the location where they were trapped.

Traps may NOT be left unattended under any circumstance. This prevents unauthorized persons from taking a trapped animal or taking the trap(s). **Traps may not be lent to a third party.**

I have already made appointments at a veterinary clinic that is equipped to handle feral cats in traps. Cats must be one to a trap, appear healthy and be at least 2 months old and a minimum of 2 pounds for TNR..

I am aware that 1) identifying & counting the cats in the colony 2) establishing a feeding routine and 3) coordinating with neighbors and other feeders in the area to ensure food is withheld the day before I plan to trap will enhance my success rate. I know that some cats will not enter a trap without a "liner" that hides the trip plate and that while some cats are intensely drawn to sardines, rotisserie chicken, tuna, or other wet attractants, some cats will only enter the trap for the plain dry kibble that they are accustomed to eating.

I understand that it is my responsibility to return the trap(s) clean and disinfected. In the event I need the trap(s) past the agreed upon return date, I will contact St Louis Feral Cat Outreach to arrange an extension; otherwise, St Louis Feral Cat Outreach will conclude that I am not returning the trap(s) and will deposit my check or charge my credit card or file a lawsuit if necessary to obtain payment for replacement of the traps.

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On this date: _____ St Louis Feral Cat Outreach (STLFCO) has loaned me the following traps and I have agreed to the conditions of use:

Trap Numbers: _____

It is the preference of STLFCO to loan traps in a maximum of 2 weeks intervals. I agree to return the traps by this date: _____

Print name: _____ Signature: _____

Phone number / license number: _____

Address: _____

STLFCO contact: _____ Phone number: _____

I understand ideally **I should trap cats no earlier than 24 hours before their surgeries.** I understand that I may trap cats I was unaware of. I will do my best to TNR all cats trapped, even reaching out to STLFCO for additional resources. I understand that cats previously TNRed, as identified by their left ear having been clipped, may be re-trapped and may need to be “set aside” in a safe, quiet location while I continue trapping my target cats & then released when I have concluded my trapping for the day. I am aware that cats will be scanned for a microchip before surgery and if I have trapped a chipped cat, the clinic will reach out to the registered owner.

I know that trapped cats need to be covered. As each cat is trapped I will quickly but quietly cover the trap with the provided trap cover or an appropriate towel/sheet and move the trap to a secure, quiet, climate-controlled location where the cat will most likely calm down within 5 minutes. Cats may panic and attempt to escape the trap possibly scratching their face/nose, covering them reduces this behavior.

STLFCO uses a naming convention based on the trapping location, enumeration of the cats, and the initials of the trapper. Such that Jane or John Doe trapping at 1234 Main St Anytown, Anystate 65432 would name their 1st trapped feral cat 1234Main01JD, the 2nd 1234Main02JD and in 5 years when they trap a new cat in that same location, the 3rd cat will be 1234Main03JD etc. For cats using STLFCO accounts **I will label, with masking tape etc, both the trap and the trap cover with this “name” of the cat. And this name will match the paperwork being submitted to the veterinary clinic and the “intake sheet” being submitted to STLFCO.**

Post-surgery I will house the cats for 24 hours in their covered traps in a climate-controlled location, preferably up off the floor and out of drafts. With use of an isolator tool I will provide a small, i.e. 2 or 3 tablespoons, of food mixed with water in the evening after their surgery. Later that night, if they are fully recovered from the anesthesia and if they have consumed the initial offering, more food can be given. Cats that undergo a complicated procedure may require a longer recovery time but **I will NOT keep a cat in a trap longer than 48 hours after surgery** without specific instruction from the veterinary clinic. I will reach out to STLFCO or the vet clinic for assistance if I need further instruction on holding, or to borrow a kennel if the cat needs a longer medical hold.

I understand that any animal, including both socialized & feral cats, can act unpredictably when trapped. I agree to not open any trap, to stick any part of my body inside a trap or to handle any trapped animal unless specifically instructed by a cat-handling professional. I understand there is a specific isolator tool for the addition/removal of food & water and changing the newspapers. If I do not have this special tool I recognize that the cat is safer to be left undisturbed in the covered trap. **I release St Louis Feral Cat Outreach and its staff and volunteers from any liability for any injuries or damages that may occur from trapping, confining, transporting, or releasing these cats.**

Deposit amount: (\$80 per trap) = \$_____.

Cash Check Credit: American Express Discover MasterCard Visa

Name on card: _____

Card number: _____ Exp. date: _____

For STLFCO use: Date Returned: _____ STLFCO Rep Signature: _____