



Thank you for contacting Our Companions Animal Rescue regarding the feral cats you are concerned about! Our Companions specializes in reducing the population of feral cats through our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. This method is proven and the only effective way of helping feral cats.

Through our program we will teach you how to trap cats, loan you the equipment, and assist you with arrangements for a clinic that specializes in feral cat spay and neuter. The process is as follows:

- Attend Class:
The person who is going to be trapping the cats needs to attend our Trap Training class. (Anyone assisting is welcome to attend as well). This one time class is required even for people that have trapped before. **If you have any questions or for information on our next class, please [write](#) or call us at 860.242.9999.**
- Prepare:
Review the Pre-trapping Protocols and bring your inventory of cats with you to class. **You cannot take any traps with you, unless you have a completed inventory of your colony with you at class.** Be prepared to perform a Mass Cat Trapping. This means you will be taking enough traps for each cat in your colony. There is no cost to rent the traps, but we do collect a \$50.00 per trap deposit via cash or check. Deposits will be returned to you when you return the traps in good working order.

Clinic Information:

We recommend the spay/neuter program for feral cats offered by Dakin Pioneer Valley in Springfield, MA. They allow the cats to be dropped off on Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:15 and 9:45am and picked up the next day at 9:15am – no exceptions. Dakin does not require an appointment and keeps the cats overnight, so this is a huge benefit. The cost is \$62 per cat and includes spay/neuter, rabies, distemper, pain injection, ear tipping, and topical flea treatment. We may be offering vouchers to help cover some of the cost of these veterinary services for those who have attended our TNR class. There are also facilities in Berlin, Bolton, Bridgeport, East Hartford, North Windham, Plantsville and Willington if those locations are more convenient for you.

We understand that the idea of trapping cats can be scary to some people, but we will teach you everything you need to know during the training class!

Sincerely,

Caroline K. Gaetano
Director of Community Programs