



(A Colony of People Helping Colonies of Cats)

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## Trap Loan Agreement

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Night: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of traps borrowed: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of traps borrowed: \_\_\_\_\_

It is the mission of the O'Malley Alley Cat Organization (TOMACO) to reduce the population of unwanted cats and kittens through trap, neuter and return. Trapping feral cats for the purpose of sterilizing and vaccinating is the first step in non-lethal control of the cat population. **Below are some tips to help you become a successful trapper.**

1. Before trapping, establish a routine feeding schedule if possible.
2. Equipment you will need:
  - a. Live trap
  - b. Enticing bait such as canned cat food, mackerel, fried chicken or fried fish
  - c. Small, heavy container to hold bait
  - d. Large enough towel to cover the top and sides but not back of trap
  - e. Small cloth to cover the trap plate inside trap
3. Withhold food for at least 8 hours before trapping.
4. Place approximately 1 tablespoon of food in the container. Drizzle some food at the front entrance of the trap.
5. Place the trap in a "tempting" and safe location and set it.
6. Completely cover the top and sides of trap (not front or back) with a towel.
7. If it is supposed to rain, cover the towel and trap with a large trash bag.
8. Quietly check the trap from a distance.
9. Once you have trapped the cat, hold the cat overnight in a warm, dry place such as a garage. Be sure that the cat is completely covered to keep it calm. **Do not attempt to slide food or water in trap. The cat does not need to eat prior to surgery.**
10. Transport the cat in the covered trap to the vet the following morning. **Do not attempt to move the cat from the trap to a pet crate. The Vet will not work with a feral or semi-feral cat unless it is in a trap and you could risk losing the cat! Note: When transporting the cat to and from the Vet's, put trash bags and newspaper down underneath the trap to catch any elimination by the cat.**
11. It is extremely important to cover the entire trap with a towel after the set is trap. Keep the cat covered the entire time and make sure the vet's office knows to put the towel back over the trap after they return the cat to the trap. Covering the trap reduces stress for the cat so that the cat is not as apt to charge the cage trying to get free and injuring itself in the process.

Borrower agrees to have a loan of the trap under the following conditions:

1. Traps will **ONLY** be used for the purpose of trap/neuter/return.
2. Do not leave cats in traps exposed to excessive heat, sun or cold.
3. **IMPORTANT:** After surgery allow the cat to recover in the same trap, covered, in a warm, dry place. Female cats must be allowed **at least** 24 hours to recover after surgery. If the cat was visibly pregnant prior to her

spay, give her 48 hours to recover. You can pour water and food through the top of the trap if necessary. Male cats can be returned to the trapping site 12 to 24 hours following surgery.

4. After the cat has been sterilized, the cat must be returned to the same location from which the cat was trapped. **NEVER** release a cat to a new location unless the cat can be confined for a minimum of one month. Cats do not relocate without confinement! **Tomaco will not relocate or take the cats from you. Tomaco will provide spay/neuter assistance for feral and free roaming cats.**
5. Set the trap(s) as soon after borrowing as possible and return the trap(s) to TOMACO as soon as the cat(s) have been trapped and spayed or neutered and returned.

Borrower accepts complete financial responsibility for the trap and will reimburse TOMACO for replacement costs in the amount of \$65 per trap, if lost, stolen, or intentionally damaged while on loan to the borrower.

A deposit in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ by check #\_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ has been received by TOMACO as a deposit for the trap(s) borrowed.

Signed voluntarily on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Borrower: \_\_\_\_\_ TOMACO: \_\_\_\_\_