

Feral Fix Voucher Application

No More Homeless Pets in Utah
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The FERAL FIX program is for feral cats only. Feral cats are un-owned, free-roaming cats, often referred to as "wild cats" or "stray cats." The Feral Fix program issues vouchers that allow feral cats to be fixed at a very discounted rate (\$35.00 or less.) The vouchers are issued to feral cat caregivers who are conducting **Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR.)** Certain restrictions apply. Fill this application out completely for the Feral Fix program.

Please read the following important program information and initial each line to indicate you agree to the terms:

- Each voucher will have an expiration date based on the date of issue and there are specific veterinarians who will accept Feral Fix vouchers – they are indicated on the voucher.
- All feral cats must be brought to a participating veterinarian in a humane cat trap (NOT A PET CARRIER.) Traps are available for rent from NMHPU or your local humane society or animal control (for a deposit.)
- All cats will have a small portion of one ear removed during surgery. Ear-tipping is completely painless and is necessary to identify a sterilized cat.
- Cats do not qualify for the Feral Fix program if they are being placed into a home as a pet.
- Each animal requires its own Feral Fix voucher.

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Send (a) application and (b) self-addressed, stamped envelope to the address above or fax to: 801-364-0374. Questions? Call 801-364-0370 X 16, email daye@UtahPets.org or visit www.utahpets.org.

1. HOW MANY FERAL CATS DO YOU NEED VOUCHERS FOR? _____

2. _____ (_____) _____
First & Last name Daytime Phone Number Your Age*

_____ _____ _____
Mailing Address City Zip Code

_____ _____
County Email address (Would you also like to receive NMHPU e-newsletter? Yes No)

3. How many dependents do you have?* 1 2 3 4 5 6 more than 6

4. What is your annual household income?*

Less than: \$10,000 \$10,000-\$25,000 \$25,000-\$40,000 more than \$40,000

5. Where did you get this application?*

Vet Hospital Animal Shelter Animal Rescue Organization NMHPU Specify, if other: _____

6. Do you own a car?* Yes No

7. Additional financial assistance may be available if you provide proof of membership in one of these assistance programs: Medicaid, CHIP, Food Stamps, WIC, SSD, Major VA disability, Section 8 (HUD) or a copy of last year's tax return indicating household income not exceeding 200% of federal poverty level guidelines. You must include copy of this form for consideration. Do you qualify and have you enclosed a copy of your forms?* Yes No

Although this program is free to those who qualify, our programs depend on donations to continue. So, PLEASE specify the amount you can contribute toward the surgery. This will help ensure our programs are available to you in the future.

\$10 \$15 \$20 \$25 Specify, if other: \$_____ (for example, \$10 per cat).

8. Sign your application (unsigned applications cannot be honored) I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

¥ Some restrictions apply. There is no guarantee of service. * For demographic purposes only. Required on Free Fix applications.

(Office use only) Voucher numbers and expiration dates: _____

(Office use only) co-payment amount: _____

Why Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)?

Trapping and killing (TK) does not solve the problem. Trapping and killing has been practiced for many years (as the only option available) and it does not work. For all the years this approach was practiced, the cat population continued to explode.

New cats replace those cats removed. Cats tend to congregate around a food source. When cats are trapped and removed from an area, new cats move in to take advantage of the food source. Alley Cat Allies, a national feral cat network, call this phenomenon "the vacuum effect."



Feeding a stray?

TNR Works. Information on how well TNR works is beginning to accumulate. The Stanford University Cat Network reduced its feral population from 1000-1500 cats to 300 over a ten-year period. The Southern Animal Foundation in Louisiana reduced one New Orleans population from 500 to 65 over three years, through TNR and adoptions. Astonishing numbers of kittens have not been born due to these efforts.

TK is more expensive than TNR. Trapping and killing (TK) cats is a tax payer burden. It costs on average \$75 to \$100 for an animal control agency to trap, house, kill, and dispose of one cat. It costs a program like ours \$25 to spay or neuter one cat.

TNR is the compassionate approach/solution to feral and stray cat overpopulation. TNR teaches compassion and responsible cat care. While TNR actually reduces the number of cats breeding, it also opens the door to educating people about the importance of spaying and the plight of feral and stray cats. Trapping and killing teaches young and old that it is okay to create unwanted offspring and then kill the surplus - leaving no room for education or compassion for life.

Caregivers will not allow it. Thousands of kind people feed and care for feral and stray cats. Most will not allow the cats they feed to be trapped and killed, but welcome the opportunity to have the cats trapped, neutered and returned. If their only choice is to have the cats killed, they will opt to do nothing and the cats will breed - adding to the overpopulation problem.

Society does not support trapping and killing (TK). When communities have tried to implement mass trapping and killing efforts, the community outcry has stopped the effort.

TNR helps reduce the number of cats euthanized at shelters. When fewer kittens are born to feral and stray cats, fewer cats and kittens enter shelters. This means fewer are killed because there aren't enough homes for all the cats who need them, and fewer are deemed unadoptable because they are wild (untamed). Fewer cats competing for adoptive homes means more find a home and fewer are therefore euthanized.



Read more about No More Homeless Pets in Utah's live-saving programs at:
www.UtahPets.org