

# Fixing Frederick's Felines

## Step 3: Continued...

1. Please remember the cat **cannot have any food or water after 8pm the night before surgery!**
2. The cat should stay covered and in the "safe place" **over night** before surgery and **over night** after surgery. You may provide food and water in the evening after surgery (though the cat may not be interested).
3. The morning after surgery, quietly pick up the caged cat and bring him or her to the same location in which they were caught. Lift the cover at the back of the cage, then lift the back door and prop it forward so it remains open. Walk away – the cat will leave on its own.

## Step 4: Cleaning the Cage

**\*This process is crucial to avoid the spread of disease – please repeat the process between multiple trappings.\***

1. Spray the cage(s) down with a hose.
2. We ask that you spray Clorox Clean-up **OR** a 10% Bleach /90% water solution all over the cage(s) to clean thoroughly. Then rinse again.
3. Let cage(s) air dry.
4. **You're all done!**  
Congratulations on a successful trapping – your community and feral cat colony thank you for your support and participation in this important program!
5. Please return all traps to AWLFC. Thanks!



## A Guide for Trapping, Altering and Re-releasing Your Feral Cat



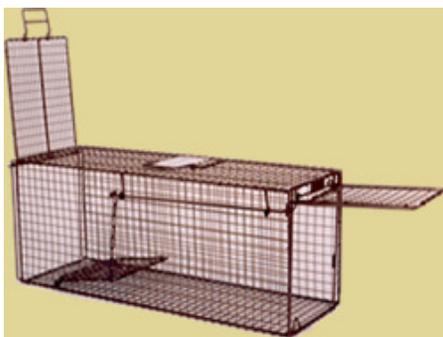
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## Step 1: Setting Your Trap



1. Using your index fingers, raise both rings to the top of the door.
2. Use your middle finger to flip open and raise the door.
3. With your right hand, set the door on Variable Trigger Setting (as shown above).
4. Your trap is now set and ready to catch a cat!



## Step 2: Baiting Your Trap

1. Line the cage with tri-folded newspaper for easy cage clean-up. (Replace with clean paper whenever the cat eliminates.)
2. Put a tablespoon of wet cat food, tuna, or sardines and place it 3 – 4 feet in front of the trap.
3. Place a bit more food about 1 foot in front of the trap.
4. Then, place a spoonful **on two pieces of paper plate** and put (1) inside the trap door and (2) right behind the trip pan.

### **Important Notes:**

- If you trap an altered cat or wild animal, lift the back door and lean it forward to keep it up. Walk away – the animal will leave on his or her own.
- **Do NOT take the cat to Animal Control** – AWLFC is a no-kill group and our traps are NEVER to be used to trap cats only to have them killed which is typically the fate of feral cats.

## Step 3: Caring for a Trapped Cat

4. Immediately cover the cage with a towel or small blanket (cutting a slit at the top for the cage handle to come through makes transportation much easier!)
5. Relocate the caged cat to a quiet, "safe place" indoors away from weather and other loose or wild animals to reduce stress and protect the cat.
6. Remove any left over food by carefully opening back of cage (cat should move to opposite side). Shut and latch door quickly.