

LAST HOPE ANIMAL RESCUE –2018 FREE SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHERS

Please use this agreement to apply for up to FIVE free spay/neuter vouchers per household. The vouchers may be used at any of the 4 vets listed below. Depending on funding, all vouchers will expire April 15, 2018. The voucher covers the cost of the spay/neuter, including termination of pregnancy, and a rabies vaccination. You are responsible for any additional medical procedures or medications. ALL CATS MUST BE IN HUMANE TRAPS AND WILL BE EAR-TIPPED.

Island Rescue, 1500 North Clinton Ave, Bay Shore 631-968-8700. No appointment necessary....call for drop off days and times

Jericho Animal Hospital, 360 W. Jericho Tpke, Syosset 516-938-4106. By appointment only, Mon through Thursday. Drop off by 8:30AM.

LI Animal Surgery, 305 West Roe Blvd, Patchogue 631-627-6900. By appointment only, Tues and Thursday

LI Spay and Neuter, 3135 Route 112, Medford 631-496-9966. By appointment only, Mon, Tues, Thursday and Friday

**DO NOT APPLY FOR VOUCHERS UNTIL YOU HAVE ACCESS TO HUMANE TRAPS
DO NOT TRAP ANY CATS UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE VOUCHERS FROM LAST HOPE**

I agree that neither **LAST HOPE, INC.**, nor the veterinarian performing surgery, or any of their agents, or volunteers or employees shall be, at any time or to any extent whatsoever, liable, responsible, or in any way accountable for any reactions to this procedure.

I agree to pick up the cat after surgery and arrange for the appropriate post-operative care. Males can be released the day after surgery. Females should be held at least 72 hours after surgery. I assume full responsibility for the care, feeding and protection of this feral cat for the duration of its life. I understand that the cat **MUST BE RELEASED TO ITS TRAPPING SITE. If the feral cat becomes sick or injured, I will see that every attempt is made to provide appropriate veterinary care or humane euthanasia. I will not allow this cat to suffer need needlessly.**

Name _____ Date _____ # of Vouchers: _____ **MAX 5**

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone # _____ Home Phone # _____

If someone is helping you trap and transport to the vet, their name must appear on the voucher.

Photo id is required at all animal hospitals. Trapper full name: _____

Where are the cats that you are feeding located? **STREET ADDRESS AND TOWNSHIP** _____

How many adult cats are in the colony? _____ How many kittens? _____

How old are the kittens? _____ Can you handle them? _____

TRAPS AVAILABLE FOR RENT by contacting Marlyn Gorman, 516-242-3386. We ask for a \$65 cash deposit which will be refunded when the trap is returned. If you have any questions, please contact us through our website – www.lasthopeanimalrescue.org

Please print, complete the form and email to salemm25@aol.com OR MAIL TO Last Hope, PO Box 7025, Wantagh, NY 11793 (Attn: Feral Cat Program)

Trapping Information and Instructions

A. There are only **ONE** humane solution for the feral cat:

TNR – TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN. If you are committed to feeding these cats on a daily basis (cat food, not table scraps!!) and the environment in which they are living is relatively safe, they can be easily trapped, neutered and returned to the environment which they know. They will be happier outdoors than cooped up in a house where they will most likely hide all day and prowl at night. If time, finances, and space permit, you may want to set up some outdoor shelter for these animals in the winter. Straw makes an excellent bed. Cats like small, dry spaces into which they can nestle. Check out Alley Cat Allies – www.alleycat.org for help with care of feral cats.

B. MATERIALS, there are 5 items required for trapping feral cats:

1. A trap (“TOMAHAWK” or “HAVE-A-HEART”). Tomahawks may be purchased via Tomahawk Live Trap Company, P.O. Box 323, Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487. Phone: (800) 272-8727 or www.livetrapp.com. They cost about \$60.00. You should order trap #606NC (cat transfer trap with sliding door). Have-A-Heart traps without a sliding door are available at Agway and Home Depot.
2. Bait (tuna in oil, sardines or mackerel, the smellier the better);
3. Towel or sheet - to cover the trap after a cat is captured
4. Flashlight - for night-time trapping
5. Patience and Fortitude - Never stop trapping until you are absolutely certain every cat has been trapped. There are always more cats residing in an area than you see.

C. PROCEDURE

1. One week prior to trapping, notify your neighbors of your intentions to trap. Ask them to tag their household cats or keep them indoors.
2. Establish a feeding pattern – feed at the same time, and the same place every day. This will ensure that the cats will be where you want them, when you want them.
3. **It is important to make arrangements first. Have your vouchers in hand and make an appointment if required.** DO NOT trap a cat and then start looking for someplace to bring it or someone to take it!
4. Do not feed the cats for a day, and then set the trap. If they are extra hungry, you have a greater chance of getting them to go into the trap. Set the trap with tuna, sardines or mackerel – something very smelly. **Having a trap with a sliding back door is especially helpful in releasing an animal that you did not want to trap. DO NOT EVER ATTEMPT TO PICK UP OR TOUCH A FERAL CAT.**
5. When you have trapped the animal, cover the trap with a towel or sheet to calm the animal. Even tame cats panic when trapped. However, they do quiet down when covered. **DO NOT LEAVE THE TRAP SET OVERNIGHT OR UNATTENDED.** Trapped cats can be left in the trap overnight as long as they are covered and in a safe secure place, i.e. garage, shed, basement, etc., protected from dogs and other wildlife.
6. Cats can be transported to the veterinarian or animal shelter in the trap. Put a piece of plastic (a garbage bag works well) under the trap as some cats may urinate out of fear and stress.
7. Our participating vets will notch the cat’s left ear (ear tipping) when the cat is under anesthesia. This alerts others that this cat has been spayed or neutered already.
8. Often males can be released within 12 hours after surgery, ask the veterinarian about this. **Females should be held at least 72 hours after surgery during the winter.** Have a cage available for this purpose; cats cannot be left in the trap for any length of time. **Please remember, these cats do not understand what you are trying to do, they just feel trapped and threatened and they may become hostile, so exercise caution at all times.** If using a cage, lining it with newspapers makes it easier to clean. You will need a litter box and dishes for water and food. Put a small cat carrier in the cage...most cats will hide in it, making releasing the cat easier.
9. After the appropriate recovery time, transport the cat back to the release site. Open the door of the carrier, step back, and they will just run out. They probably won’t even stop to thank you.