

# HOW TO GET FERAL CATS SPAYED & NEUTERED CHEAP IN ALBUQUERQUE!!!

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There are two organizations which offer **TNR** (Trap-Neuter-Return) veterinary services for feral cats (“alley cats”) in Albuquerque. You trap the cats, and bring them to one of the feral cat clinics. They will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated against rabies and other diseases, and their left ear will be “tipped” for identification. After a recovery period, usually 1-2 days, you return the cats to the place where they were trapped.

**Street Cat Companions** clinic is on the second Sunday of each month, unless rescheduled for a holiday. The clinic is held at Animal Humane of New Mexico, 615 Virginia St. SE.

Cats are taken in the morning, between 8 and 10 AM, and picked up in the afternoon. You bring the cats in the traps they were caught in - please cover the traps with a large towel or sheet to keep the cats calm. You will also need to bring a hard plastic carrier (at least twice the size of the cat) and an old, light-colored towel for each cat, although there are usually extra carriers and towels to loan if needed. We may also loans out traps (depending on availability), and there are people who can give you excellent advice on trapping.

Requested donation is \$15 per cat, which covers the cost of supplies. Depending on their current level of funding, cats can sometimes be spayed/neutered for free, so don't be afraid to ask.

**For more information, call New Mexico Animal Friends at 881-PAWS (7297) or email [Mail@AlbCat.com](mailto:Mail@AlbCat.com).**

**Animal Humane of New Mexico** also offers feral spay / neuter services. They take feral cats at their veterinary clinic between 8 and 8:30 AM, Monday thru Thursday – you must be there by 8:30 at the latest. They can only handle a few per day, so it's first-come, first-served, but they will always try to fit you in. The process is the same – bring cats in covered traps, bring a carrier and towel.

This clinic is held at the same location – 615 Virginia St. SE. Cost is also currently \$15 per cat.

**For more information, call Animal Humane at 255-5523. You can also call the vet clinic at 217-0300. The vet clinic voicemail system has information about both programs.**

For general information about TNR, trapping, and caring for feral cats, there are some great sources on the Internet. These are good places to start:

**Alley Cat Allies** ([www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org))

**Neighborhood Cats** ([www.neighborhoodcats.org](http://www.neighborhoodcats.org))