

## **HOW TO USE A HUMANE CAT TRAP**

Pasco County Animal Services

[www.pascocountyfl.net](http://www.pascocountyfl.net)

The Pasco County Ordinance does not contain a cat leash law; therefore, trapping equipment must not be used to capture cats that have known owners. Stray cats that are caught in the Humane Cat Trap must be turned in at the Animal Services Center, 19640 Dogpatch Lane, Land O' Lakes. There is no pick up service so it is your responsibility to bring the trapped cat to the shelter. Do not give away, injure, or kill the cat! Do not take the cat away and release it; to do so is ABANDONMENT and can result in criminal charges. Captured cats that have owners should be released to the owner or released from the trap in the same location that it was caught.

### **Instructions to Insure That You Catch And Transport Cats Quickly, Safely and Humanely**

1. **Keep the trap clean.** Animals leave fear scents that other animals can smell. After each cat you catch, wash the trap out with soap and water.
2. **Keep fresh food in the trap.** Inexpensive, fish flavored canned cat food is acceptable. Supply the cat with fresh water after capture.
3. **Set traps after sunset and check them several times a day.** Find a well shaded area with good air flow to prevent the cat from suffering heat stroke.
4. **Cover the trap with an old sheet or lightweight towel after a cat is trapped.** Leave the ends of the trap uncovered for ventilation. This will help calm the animal.
5. **Bring the cat to Pasco County Animal Services as soon as possible after capture.** The shelter opens at 12 noon, Monday through Saturday.
6. **Transport the cat to the shelter in a HUMANE FASHION to prevent heat stroke or injury.** DO NOT transport the cat in a closed or sealed container nor in the trunk of a car. THE CAT MUST BE PLACED IN A WELL VENTILATED AREA. HEAT BUILDUP OR EXHAUST FUMES CAN CAUSE AN ANIMAL TO EXPIRE.
7. **Do not set traps on a Sunday or Holiday.** The shelter will not be open to accept animals.
8. **THE TRAP IS NOT TO BE USED TO CAPTURE WILDLIFE.** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission rules prohibit the capture, transport, injury or destruction of many wild animals. Call FWC at 1-863-648-3205 for referrals to a licensed nuisance wildlife trapper in your area.

**STRAY ANIMALS ARE ACCEPTED AT  
THE PASCO COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER  
MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY STARTING AT 12 NOON  
CLOSED SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS  
*HOURS OF OPERATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

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