

Town of Huntington Cat Shelter

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TRAP NEUTER RELEASE PROGRAM

The Town of Huntington Cat Shelter sponsors a Trap Neuter Release program for Huntington Township residents. The purpose of the program is to control the overpopulation of feral cats. We are firmly committed to this objective.

Thousands of feral cats currently live on Long Island. Due to their nature, these cats cannot live as house pets. Some feral cats live in managed colonies where kind hearted people devote their time to feeding them and watching for health issues. To prevent a population explosion and minimize colony size, the goal is to ensure as many feral cats as possible are spayed and neutered each year.

The Town of Huntington Cat Shelter has been providing the Trap Neuter Release program since 2018. It provides homeowners assistance in spaying and neutering feral cats on their property. It is open to Huntington Township residents only. Each household is entitled to five (5) appointments per calendar year. The service is free of charge.

PROGRAM DETAILS: The Trap Neuter Release Program is **STRICTLY** for **FERAL** cats which will be returned to the exterior location where they were trapped. The feral cats will receive a Rabies vaccination and an FVRCP vaccination in addition to an ear notch.

Upon bringing a cat to participate in the TNR Program, the staff of The Town of Huntington Cat Shelter will be responsible for making all medical decisions for the cat, as well as testing the cat's temperament. Feral cats are not owned by an individual simply because they may live on their property.

Should it be determined that this cat is either friendly, ill, intended to become a pet or too young to take part in the program, we will charge \$15.00 per day for a boarding fee until the cat is removed from the shelter. Should the cat be determined to be a personal pet, there will be a charge for all medical treatment performed. In some cases, the Town of Huntington Cat Shelter may offer to accept a friendly cat into the facility. Should this be the case, the resident will be required to return to the facility and sign a Surrender Form.

Anyone who misinforms or misdirects the staff as to the description of the cat will no longer be allowed to participate in the program or permitted to use any shelter services.

Cats will be allowed to recuperate in the shelter should a location not be available upon the homeowner's property for them to do so. Male cats will be allowed to stay overnight and will be released the day following neuter. Female cats having a standard spay will be allowed to remain in the shelter for three (3) days. Female cats having a spay with an abortion will be allowed to remain in the shelter for five (5) days. If the time on shelter exceeds these time frames, there will be a \$15.00 per day boarding fee until the cat is removed from the shelter. Exceptions will be made in cases of medical necessity.

Should the veterinarian determine the cat requires euthanasia rather than spay/neuter, the procedure will be performed.

For more information regarding details and appointments, please contact the shelter at 631-651-9788.