

# Toronto Humane Society

## Colony Caretaker Programs & Resources

### **How to pick-up food & attend shelter builds:**

THS offers excess donated cat food to become available to registered colony caretakers (often on Sundays) which is distributed by Toronto Street Cats (TSC). All interested parties are required to become a certified colony caretaker through completion of the colony caretaker training workshop "How to manage a feral colony". Upon completion, a certificate will be issued and can be used to receive free or discounted sterilization surgeries for colony cats during our daily spay/neuter services and donated food to feed one's colony(s). Please email Toronto Street Cats to attend the next scheduled shelter build (dates are listed on their website) or next food distribution. When you arrive please show your certificate to a TSC representative to access the food supply. They will need your name, certificate, colony(s) you are intending to feed with this food, and the area in which it is located.

For a list of shelter build dates & to sign up visit: <http://torontostreetcats.com/shelterbuilding/>

For other general inquiries about shelter builds or food pick-up please email: [tnrths@gmail.com](mailto:tnrths@gmail.com)

### **How to become a certified colony caretaker:**

1. Visit the Community Cats website to register and pay the \$20.00 administration fee. Please consult their website for upcoming workshop dates. All courses run from 10:30am – 1:30pm where you will learn about trapping, feeding, sheltering, sterilizing and working along with residents neighboring your colony.

<http://communitycats.ca/workshops/>

Should you have additional questions please send them an inquiry through their website at:

<http://communitycats.ca/contact/> (they do not have a phone number)

***If you are not a certified colony caretaker (and cannot become certified due to medical or other reasons) but still wish to access our services:***

Contact the Toronto Feral Cat Coalition through their online form:

<http://torontoferalcatcoalition.ca/contact-us/> to see if they can assist by sending over a nearby registered colony caretaker to trap, or pick up food for your colony. As we require certification to access our services you must find someone who can provide proof of course completion with a certificate.

### **How to rent traps:**

THS offers trap rental service for registered colony caretakers. Trap rental requests can be made by calling 416.392.2273 ext. 2250 by leaving a message with your name, phone number, when you would like to receive the trap by and how long you wish to rent for. All rentals require a \$50.00 deposit per trap (CASH ONLY), and will only be refunded if the trap is returned clean and undamaged. The maximum length permitted for rental is 1 week. All pickups/ drop offs will be on an appointment basis (Monday – Saturday) and will require at least 48 hours before an appointment can be arranged.

### **Where to spay/neuter feral cats for free:**

1. **Toronto Humane Society's Spay Neuter Services** which accommodates up to 4 cats per operational day, with a maximum of 2 per colony caretaker. More information is available on our website at: <http://www.torontohumanesociety.com/what-we-do/trap-neuter-return>

2. **Toronto Street Cats** evening clinics run once or twice per month (please visit their website to request an appointment and to see the scheduled dates): <http://torontostreetcats.com/spayclinics/>

3. **Toronto Animal Services** will provide appointments during their clinics once one's colony has become registered through their database and they have completed a colony visit. Please call this number or visit their website for more information: **416-338-6281**

### **Shelter Build Hours:**

*Designated Saturdays*  
10:00am – 3:00pm  
THS Garage

### **Upcoming Shelter Builds:**

Winter 2015 and Spring 2016 shelter builds have concluded. Please check out the Toronto Street Cats website in the fall for 2017 dates.



**Please remember to bring your workshop certificate in order to receive donated food!**

