

# Birchwood Community Feral Cat Welfare Project

## Operation Process:

Traps will be delivered to registered feeding stations on 10/19/2022 no later than 5 p.m. There will be a bungee cord that holds the door open for safety (DO NOT REMOVE). This operation is scheduled to end by 11/2/2022 11 am. All remaining traps will be removed from the properties and returned to the storage area.

## The REGISTERED property owner responsibility:

- Place the traps in places that you are currently feeding. If you have multiple traps, you should scatter them around the feeding area such as under the porch, in the bushes, etc. It is important to make sure it is visible from the road for a flashlight to reach. This is critical for when observing traps on the set trapping days.
- Place the food inside. Do not make a trail of food into the trap. Place it at the back where they have to stand on the trigger to get to the food.
- Start feeding **IMMEDIATELY**. Only feed once in the morning around 7 am and once at night around 7 pm. **These times are critical for this operation to be a success** as traps will be set during these times. Starting this now will help from alarming the cats of a sudden change. If this is outside your regular feeding hours please work your way to these designated times.
- Monitor for theft. If you notice a trap has gone missing from your property, **IMMEDIATELY** contact the Village Hall at (715) 354-3300 or Ashley Beffa (715)790-1491.

## The REGISTERED volunteer trapper's responsibility:

- Visit the designated station(s) throughout the next two weeks. This will help the cats become familiar with your scent and presence.
- Be aware of how many traps and the location of each trap. Are they visible from the road or a place where you cannot be seen while observing on the day of the trapping? Work with the property owner on relocating them as necessary.
- Get to know your property owner. Exchange phone numbers for emergencies and communication purposes.
- All trappers should meet at the Village Hall at 6:45 p.m. on 10/31/2022 for a volunteer meeting to make sure everyone is prepared and able to ask any questions they may have before going LIVE. Trappers will go out to all assigned locations and set all traps with fresh food **NO EARLIER THAN 7 pm.**
- About every 30 mins to an hour observe the traps for cats that have been captured. If you have a cat trapped contact Carrie at (715) 719-4222 to report your pickup. After your call for pickup, then remove the trap from that location and replace it with a new set trap with fresh food in the same location. Carrie will meet you at the street to transport the cat to the Village Rest Park for holding.
- The first trip to Eau Claire Purple Cat Vet is scheduled to leave at 6:30 a.m. 11/1/2022 with Carol Wainz. Any cats trapped between 6:30 – 10:30 am will go in the second trip, possibly by Victoria from Washburn County Human Society.
- All traps should be placed back on safety at 10:30 am until the next operation that night starting at 7 pm.