



Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) – Guidelines

The availability of free and low cost spay/neuter in New York City has been greatly reduced in recent years. To promote the practice of TNR and help caretakers get their community cats altered, Neighborhood Cats is offering financial assistance for spay/neuter surgeries performed at non-profit clinics or private veterinarians in or near New York City. The amount of funding will be determined on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of Neighborhood Cats. Please take note of the following guidelines:

Eligible cats:

- Cats or kittens located in New York City who are being TNR'd or removed from a colony or street location for adoptive placement.

Eligible veterinary clinics:

- Any non-profit veterinary clinic or private veterinarian located in or around NYC.
- The clinic or veterinarian must be willing to provide spay/neuter, eartip (for TNR cats) and a rabies vaccine.

Eligible persons:

- Any TNR-certified individual working with or caring for community cats in NYC. To learn more about becoming TNR-certified, please go to our [Workshops](#) page.
- Members or associates of a cat-related 501c3 non-profit organization are not eligible.

Other requirements:

- All TNR cats must be eartipped as part of the surgery.
- Application forms for this program must be submitted to Neighborhood Cats and approved **before** surgery.
- Subsidized services are limited to spay/neuter, eartip and rabies vaccine. Additional medical care will need to be paid by the caretaker/trapper unless pre-approved by Neighborhood Cats at our discretion.
- Submitted invoices must be billed in the applicant's name.
- SNAP recipients using the Brooklyn Bridge Animal Welfare Clinic (BBAWC) must submit both the pre-payment receipt and the medical records provided post-surgery.



Resources:

- The application form and information for veterinary clinics on how to handle and medically treat community cats can be downloaded from our [SNAP page](#).
- For a current list of NYC clinics providing discount spay/neuter services, please go to our [Spay/Neuter](#) page.

Time limits

If your application is approved, you must have the surgeries performed within three (3) months of approval. Otherwise, the approval expires. In addition, invoices must be submitted within three (3) months of the spay/neuter surgeries.

To apply:

Complete the one-page application and return to **jackie@neighborhoodcats.org**.