Trap, Neuter, Release program in effect as of Oct 2026.

Information obtained from "Saving One Life", a partner of the City of Chandler. Questions can be sent by email to chandlertnr@savingonelife.org

Step 1: Schedule Your Appointment

Reserve your surgery appointments through the City of Chandler TNR Program. The city of Chandler TNR program covers the cost of spay and neuter for community cats, any additional services are at the expense of the trapper.

Appointment times are available in groups of up to five cats. If you are trapping a larger colony, simply reserve multiple appointment times or contact us for assistance coordinating a larger project.

TNR Appointment Schedule: TNR Booking Link

Answer city of Chandler specific questions:

Trapping Address: (must be in Chandler)

Community Name: Enter the name of the neighborhood, apartment complex, mobile home park, business, or community where the cats are located. This should be listed on physical entry signage, street signs, or available through maps / search engines.

Remitting Payment: Your Name - this is used in case of additional services requested at drop-off, the cost of spay and neuter is covered by the city of Chandler grant

Step 2: Gather Your Supplies

Before trapping day, review this resource for tips and best practices: https://www.alleycat.org/resources/how-to-help-community-cats-a-step-by-step-guide-to-trap-neuter-return/

Gather supplies to make sure you have everything you'll need:

- Humane live trap (one trap per cat)
    - Please contact us via email with how many appointments / traps needed and we can coordinate loaning out traps and coordinating pickup. We do ask for at least a week notice where possible as we have a limited number of traps that may be in use with other community members.
- Newspaper, cardboard, or puppy pads to line the trap floor
- Towels or sheets to cover traps
- Puppy pads, tarps, or old towels for vehicle transport and recovery area
- Plastic food and water containers
- Cat food and fresh water
- A quiet, climate-controlled recovery space such as a bathroom, laundry room, or spare bedroom. (Garages are not permissible in the summer).

Step 3: Coordinate with Neighbors & Prepare to Trap

Talk with nearby neighbors to determine who is feeding the cats and when and where they normally eat. Working together often makes trapping easier, prevents duplicate efforts, and helps ensure every cat in the colony is sterilized.

Withhold food for approximately **24 hours before trapping** (water should remain available) so the cats are hungry when it's time to trap.

Step 4: Humanely Trap the Cats

Trap each cat in its own humane live trap during its normal feeding time the day before surgery. Line the trap with newspaper to protect the cat's paws and immediately cover the trap with a towel or sheet to help keep the cat calm and reduce stress. Use carabineers to secure the back door of traps and front where necessary.

Traps should never be left unattended and trapped cats should be kept in a safe environment before clinic transport and not left outside.

Step 5: Transport to Clinic (Morning)

Bring the cats to **Brookview Animal Wellness** at your scheduled drop-off time in the morning. Protect your vehicle with puppy pads or towels in case a cat uses the bathroom during transport. Cats must remain in their traps and should never be transferred into carriers or crates.

Step 6: Pick Up After Surgery (Afternoon)

Return to Brookview Animal Wellness, typically by 4pm that afternoon. You will receive a text confirmation informing you when your cat is available for pickup. Cats will remain in their traps for transport home.

Confirm you are collecting the proper traps, cats, and have reviewed all discharge paperwork prior to leaving. Discharge paperwork will state gender, approximate ages, and any findings or additional services provided during surgery if requested.

Step 7: Recover the Cats

Recover cats in their traps in a quiet, climate-controlled location. Place traps on top of a tarp or plastic sheeting with puppy pads or newspaper underneath to make cleanup easier.

Provide food and fresh water and continue monitoring them during recovery.

Typical recovery times:

- Male cats: Approximately 24 hours
- Female cats: Approximately 48 hours

Step 8: Return the Cats

Once fully recovered, return each cat to the **exact location where it was trapped**. Returning community cats to their familiar territory is a critical part of successful Trap Neuter Return.