

## **Agreement Between Caretaker and Coach for Hands-on Trapping Assistance**

The NYC Feral Cat Initiative, a program sponsored by the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals and supported by Neighborhood Cats, offers TNR-certified caretakers on-site hands-on trapping assistance from an experienced trapper (coach) on the first day of your TNR project. This service is at no cost, based on availability and upon requesting assistance with sufficient notice.

However, it assumes that:

A) you have arranged for spay/neuter appointments, holding space and transportation;

B) you have picked up traps and any other equipment and supplies needed, including bait;

C) you have prepared for trapping by getting the cats on a regular feeding schedule and by then withholding food for the recommended time prior to trapping;

D) you fully understand and accept that the cats will be returned to you for continued care (food and if possible, shelter);

E) you follow the advice of the coach.

The coach's job is assist and to instruct on the correct way to set the traps, and to show the correct way to care for the cats in the traps pre/post surgery. If you require other assistance, such as transporting to the spay/neuter venue, those arrangements must be made beforehand and by mutual agreement.

A coach will not be held responsible for cats who are not trapped, or for any circumstances encountered after the cats are trapped, or after their spay/neuter surgery. You may contact the coach by phone or email if you have questions or problems, and he/she will advise to the best of his/her ability.

Occasionally, a caretaker may enter into an agreement with a coach for other services, such as fostering a friendly cat, fostering kittens or bottle feeding kittens. Any such agreements are outside the realm of the standard trapping assistance offered here, and will be dictated by the coach and caretaker coming to mutually acceptable terms, which may involve monetary compensation. It may also involve other stipulations that the coach will advise of beforehand, and which will be agreed to by the caretaker. An example of such a stipulation may be that cats/kittens are neutered before adoption, given a wellness exam, tested for FIV/FelV and that an adoption fee/application is required. Any such stipulations will put in writing and agreed to by both parties.

I understand and agree to these terms and waive any liability against the coach, The Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, The Feral Cat Initiative or Neighborhood Cats.

Caretaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_