SPAY/NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) Guidelines

To promote the practice of TNR in New York City, Neighborhood Cats provides financial assistance for spay/neuter surgeries. While the full cost of surgeries is usually covered, funding is determined on a case-by-case basis. Approval and the amount of funding is at our sole discretion. Before applying, please review 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 or private veterinary clinic or private located in or around NYC.
- The clinic or veterinarian must be willing to provide spay/neuter, eartipping (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 Intro Workshops page.
- Members or associates of a cat-related nonprofit organization, association or network 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 services will need to be paid by the applicant unless pre-approved by Neighborhood Cats.
- Submitted invoices must be billed in the applicant's name.
- If you use the Brooklyn Bridge Animal Welfare Clinic (BBAWC), you must submit both the pre-payment receipt and the post-surgery medical records.

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Resources:

- The application form can be downloaded off the SNAP page on our website.
- A current list of NYC clinics providing affordable spay/neuter services can be found on our Spay/Neuter page.
- Detailed information for veterinarians on eartipping is on our Eartipping page. See also Community Cat Protocols for a guide from the ASPCA on TNR-related veterinary services.

Time limits

- Surgeries must be performed within three (3) months of approval. Otherwise, the approval expires and you must re-apply.
- Invoices must be submitted within three (3) months of the spay/neuter surgeries having been performed.

To apply:

Return the one-page application form to jackie@neighborhoodcats.org.