



**ABC
SURGERY &
MEDICAL
TREATMENT**

HUMANE FERAL CAT TRAP



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We have travelled to several countries to study best practices and implement them in India.

The foundation supports various government bodies, in informed policy-making and decision making on critical issues impacting biodiversity and the rights of animals.

Our work areas are research, advocacy, awareness, publication, support in policy and decision making.

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Purpose of this feral cat trap

Purpose 1: Excessive feral cat population is directly related to cat cruelty cases and starvation. To control the population, feral cats need to be taken to the animal hospital for animal birth control (ABC) surgery. Catching feral cats, which do not like human touch, is almost impossible. This trap helps in the process of humane trapping of feral cats.

Purpose 2: To trap feral cats for providing medical treatment for any illness, injuries, skin infection etc.

Who should use this document?

- ✚ Animal NGOs involved in ABC surgery / providing medical care for cats.
- ✚ Animal NGOs doing support services (E.g. Animal transport services to animal hospital, Conducting awareness programs about ABC / animal welfare etc.)
- ✚ Veterinary doctors doing ABC surgery

Who should NOT use this document?

- ✚ This document should NOT be supplied to general public, as there are chances of misusing this trap. For example anyone who wants to remove the cats from their building (or) locality and dump the cats elsewhere, may misuse this trap.
- ✚ Please DO NOT share this document in Social Media and WhatsApp groups.

What are the major components of this trap?

There are two major components

1. Trap used for cat capture and transport to hospital.
2. Post-Op Cage used for post operative care and transport for release at native locality of cat.

Similarities between Trap and Post-Op Cage:

1. The dimensions of the trap and cage must be similar, so that the cat can have some movement inside the cage and also it will be easy to clean the cage while the cat is still inside the cage. This long cage provides sufficient space to keep food and water bowls.
2. Similar to Trap, there should be a safety plate and carrying handle on top of Post-Op Cage.

Three main differences between Trap and Post-Op Cage:

1. All the internal mechanisms in the trap will not be there in the cage.
2. The cage will have sliding & removable fibre doors at both ends (two doors are needed for convenience).
3. For the Post-Op Cage in the bottom, a removable fibre / plastic base needs to be fixed. The model can be "sliding sheet" similar to the doors. (MS sheet base will rust soon, so do not use MS base)

How to use the Post-Op Cage

- ✚ Keep a plastic sand tray for the cat to defecate and pass urine. Remove the soiled sand daily.
- ✚ Use the sliding fibre doors to provide food, water, camouflaged oral medicines and to clean.
- ✚ Keep washable soft cloth bed in one corner for the cat to sit / sleep. This is also needed to keep the cat warm.

Transporting the cat for release

The Post-Op Cage can be carried in a four-wheeler / auto rickshaw to release the cat in its native locality

How many Traps & Post-Op cages are needed?

If an NGO wants to conduct 5 feral cat ABC surgeries per week, then they need to have 5 Post-Op Cages and 2 Traps. 2 traps will help to cover multiple areas at the same time. Apart from this, if one trap is damaged, the other will serve as a back-up.

How to manufacture the Trap and Post-Op Cage?

The photos and engineering drawings need to be printed and given to a steel fabrication workshop. The workshop will be able to manufacture this trap. Steel fabrication workshops are small scale industries found in many places in any city.

What is the manufacturing cost?

Various factors decide this. For example cost of steel, labour cost, location of workshop (metro city (or) small city (or) town), profit margins of workshop etc. Since all these factors are variable, a fixed price cannot be provided here.

Is there any company making readymade cat traps?

Not sure. You have to check in your city / town / internet.

Safety features for cats in this trap

- ✚ The trap is long enough so that the leg (or) tail of cat will not get trapped in the door.
- ✚ The trap MS door is light weight and firmly fixed using an automatic latch
- ✚ The automatic locking door is placed towards the tail side of the cat, so the door gets locked when the cat is not aware of the door movement. The chances of cat trying to escape and getting hurt in the door gap is NIL

Safety feature for humans

- ✚ The trap carrying handle has a metal plate below it. This plate prevents the cat from attacking the fingers of the human carrying the trap.
- ✚ The doctor can inject anaesthetics without removing the cat from Trap. This ensures safety for doctors, from cat attacks.

Don'ts

- ✚ The trap is heavy and large, so DO NOT carry the trap in a two wheeler. This may lead to a fatal accident for both human and cat.
- ✚ DO NOT trap pregnant cats
- ✚ DO NOT trap lactating mother cats.

Photos & Engineering Drawings for manufacturing the trap, plus Procedure to trap the feral cat

To prevent misuse of the trap, further contents are deleted from this publicly available book.

The full book will be given ONLY to registered animal charities who do Cat ABC program (or) provide medical treatment to community cats (a.k.a. street cats)

Registered charities can send a message using “Contact Us” page in our website

www.elsafoundationcharity.org

PDF book will be e-mailed to you.

Important:

In “Contact Us” form it is mandatory to mention your official charity email id, to get the soft copy of the book.

If you do not have an official email id, but you are involved in ABC / Medical treatment, then, please request any other animal NGO involved in ABC / Treatment to contact us on your behalf.

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