



Colony Management Guidelines

The following guidelines must be followed to ensure that your colony is being properly cared for and in compliance with the TNR ordinance.

Caretaker: a person who provides food, water, shelter and on-going health monitoring for a colony (group) of stray and feral cats.

Colony: is a group of stray and feral cats that frequent an area seeking food and/or shelter.

1. All the cats in the colony, even those that visit sporadically, need to be fixed, eartipped for identification, vaccinated for rabies, and returned to their familiar outdoor home.
2. Provide adequate food and water for the cats on a daily basis.
3. Provide adequate shelter for the cats in the colony (ideas available on our website)
4. Ensure that any cats that are injured or ill receive prompt treatment.
5. **Keep your clinic treatment records for all your colony cats. They provide proof of spay/neuter and rabies vaccination. (This is required by Animal Care and Control)**
6. Make efforts to place tame colony cats and kittens with adoption groups as resources allow.
7. If you are moving or can no longer properly care for your colony, contact IndyFeral as soon as possible for assistance in helping you identify an alternate caretaker.
8. Make your colony cats good neighbors. Provide adequate shelter, food and an area to eliminate so they do not become a nuisance to your neighbors.

Failure to follow these guidelines puts the cats at risk by increasing the chance the colony will become a nuisance, forcing Animal Control authorities to impound the cats. TNR coupled with proper feeding, shelter and on-going health monitoring stops the unchecked breeding of the cats, improves their lives and allows the colony to diminish naturally over time.

Questions? Contact us at (317) 596-2300 or contact@IndyFeral.org.

Visit our website: www.IndyFeral.org to learn more about caring for your colony.

Adoption Resources (If you need help finding a home for a friendly colony cat or kitten)

- **Marty Gallagher (kittens only)** Ph: 590-9043
- **ReTails** - www.retailsindy.org Ph. 536-3227
- **Robins Nest (orphaned kittens)** – www.robinsnestindy.org Ph: 919-2587
- **Southside Animal Shelter** www.ssasi.org Ph: 710-2831
- **ARPO** (Alliance for Responsible Pet ownership) www.adoptarpo.org Ph: 774-8292

Medical Care and Low-Cost Vaccination Clinics

- **IndyFeral** – Provides a wide range of non-emergency medical care or referrals for colony cats as the need arises. Ph: 596-2300
- **Hawthorn Community Center Low-Cost Medical Clinic**
70 N. Mount St. Indpls. 46221 (Call Hawthorn for directions 637-4312) Hours: Wed. 5-7pm .
Vaccinations, flea treatments, eye meds, deworming, **antibiotics**). No exam fee. There is a fee for medications/vaccinations dispensed. (Call Dr. Johnson ahead of time and explain the needs of the cat so that he knows what type of medications to have in stock. Dr. Johnson: Ph: 716- 2291.
- **FACE Clinic**, 1505 Massachusetts Av Indpls IN 46201
Hours: M-TH 2-5:15, Sat 10-2pm, Sunday 11-3pm Call for details: 638-3223
Provides basic wellness, vaccinations, deworming, flea treatments, microchipping (\$20).

Full Service Veterinary Clinics (Reasonably priced clinics)

- **Emerson Pet Clinic**, www.emersonpetclinic.com, 1502 N. Emerson Av. Indpls. IN 46219 -
Hours: M-Sat (Open Sat. till noon) Ph: 375-1737
- **Keystone Pet Hospital**, 4410 N. Keystone Av. Indpls. IN 46205 - Hours: M-Sat (Open Sat
till 3:30) Ph: 546-2476
- **Banfield Pet Hospital**, 7801 US 31 South Indpls. IN 46227 Hours: M-TH 8a-7p, Friday 8a-
8p, Sat 8a-4p, Sunday 10a-5p. PH: 883-9923

24 Hour Emergency Veterinary Service

IndyFeral does not offer 24 hour emergency service for life-threatening situations (such as an animal hit by a car, poisoned etc) If you need emergency assistance:

- Please take the injured/sick animal in need to your vet immediately or to Indianapolis Animal Care and Control at 2600 S.Harding St 46221. M-Sat 10a-6pm. Closed Sunday/Holidays.
- Or call the police non-emergency line at **327-3811** to request immediate assistance/pick up from Animal Control. The animal must be confined, immobilized or you must be standing by.
- **Airport Animal Emergi-Center**, www.airportanimalemergicenter.com, 5235 W. Washington St. Indpls. IN 46241 Hours: evenings, weekends, and holidays. Ph: 248-0832.

Pet Food Pantry

- **Indianapolis Animal Care and Control**, www.Indygov.org/accd. 2600 S. Harding st. Indpls. IN 46221. The pantry will be open for dog/ cat owners and colony caretakers every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Noon-4:00 pm. Questions: 221-1314.

To Report Suspected Animal Cruelty/Abuse:

- Call ACC investigations dept (Jason Kindig). 327-1424. Email: jkindig@indy.gov.