

What to do with Feral or Stray Cats

1. Determine if your cat is a Feral or a Stray cat

1. **Feral**- an unsocialized outdoor cat that can't be handled or touched.
2. **Stray**- a cat who had a home and was socialized to people at some point. Probably abandoned or lost.

2. Where do you live? *Canyon County, Ada County, other cities/towns in SW Idaho not in either county?* (see below)

Canyon County:

Nampa	Caldwell	Notus	Parma	Middleton
Melba	Marsing	Wilder	Greenleaf	

Contact **West Valley Humane Society**

westvalleyhumanesociety.org

Select "Intake Process"

Stray Cats- select "Stray Animals"

Feral Cats- select "Community Cat Program"

Read info completely

Fill out the form

WVHS will email you back with appointment options. They are closed Sun. & Mon.

Feral spay/neuter appointments are often scheduled weeks or even months out.

The fee is \$25 per cat.

Stray surrender appointments are usually right away. There is no charge for surrender.

Please make an effort to find the owner before surrendering. Lost cats seldom wander more than 1 block.

Stray cats must be brought in in a carrier.

Feral cats must be brought in in a trap.

Traps- Borrow traps from WVHS or contact Operation Community Cats to borrow traps. OCC traps are free to use with a fully refundable deposit. Traps should be picked up only 2-5 days before the appointment. You must have appointments to borrow traps from OCC. OCC trap contact is Beulah @ 208-608-2946 in Meridian off of I-84 and Linder. She will train you.

Rehoming ferals- Unfortunately the only place to move a feral cat to is a *responsible* Barn Home. Acclimate cats contained in a garage, shop or tack room with food, water and litter box. Otherwise they just run off. Barn Homes can often be found by a post on Facebook, Next Door, flyers in D&B and Tractor Supply and word of mouth.

Ada County-

Boise	Meridian	Eagle	Garden City
Star	Kuna	Hidden Springs	*Avimor (except a few streets in Avimor that are not in Ada Co.)

Take all cats to the **Idaho Humane Society (IHS)** at the 4775 W. Dorman Street, Boise, location

Feral Cats- IHS has a FREE program called Return to Home. No appointment necessary and cats can be trapped the same day (surgeries not done same day). IHS spays/neuters cats, keeps for recovery and then cats are either returned or you pick up. *All ferals MUST be brought in a feral cat trap.*

Stray Cats- Ask around your neighborhood before taking cat to IHS. Cats usually don't wander more than one block from home. Check Next Door or Facebook to see if the cat you found has been missing. *Stray cats must be in a carrier.*

Traps- Can be borrowed from IHS or Operation Community Cats. This is a free service. Borrow trap 2-5 days before appointment if you need to familiarize cats with traps. Traps to be returned asap. OCC trap contact is Beulah @ 208-608-2946. She will train you.

Rehoming ferals-

Unfortunately the only place to move a feral cat to is a responsible Barn Home. They must be kept contained for four weeks in a tack room or shed to acclimate. Otherwise they just run off. Barn Homes can often be found by a post on Facebook, Next Door, flyers in D&B or Tractor Supply, etc, and word of mouth.

Outlying Cities & Towns not in Canyon or Ada Counties-

Homedale Nyssa Murphy Emmett Payette

West Valley Humane Society will accept feral & stray cats from these areas. THE FEE for these areas is \$25 per cat (no first four free).
See above Canyon County section for instructions.

If you are unable to get into either of these Humane Societies, please reach out to the following:

SNIP-

April through October. Feral Fridays. low-cost feral spay/neuter. Book online: supersaas/schedule/login/occidaho.com You need to create an account.

SPOT-

IHS feral/spay program. Must have an appointment. \$20 per cat. Lizzy @ 208-331-3985

Pet Haven-

Feral & tame Thursdays. Book online at pethavencats.org. \$50 female. \$25 male. Appointments are often booked weeks out but keep checking back, inc. night before.

OCC-

If you are unable to make appointments at any of these facilities, contact Operation Community Cats for more info. 208-477-1550