

What to do with Feral or Stray Cats

Determine if your cat is a Feral or a Stray cat

Feral- an unsocialized outdoor cat who does not allow itself to be handled or touched.

Stray- a cat who had a home and was socialized to people at some point. Probably abandoned or lost. May appear feral at first due to fear.

Where do you live?

Ada County

Canyon County

other cities/towns in SW Idaho not in either county? (see below)

Please note: West Valley Humane Society offers TNR services from any location.

In Ada County-

Boise

Meridian

Eagle

Kuna

Star

Hidden Springs

Garden City

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Take all feral or stray cats to the **Idaho Humane Society (IHS)** at the 4775 W. Dorman Street, Boise location or contact **Simply Cats** at 208-343-7177 regarding strays.

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.
- * Three cats per location per week can be taken in for RTH.
- * **All feral cats MUST arrive in a humane cat trap or secure carrier.**

Stray Cats

- * Ask around your neighborhood before taking cats to shelters. Cats usually don't wander more than one block from home.
- * Check for microchip.
- * Check Next Door, Facebook or shelters for missing cat listings.
- * Simply Cats is a good place to surrender for a fee.
- * IHS may return strays if shelter is overcrowded.

Traps

- * Traps can be borrowed from for free from IHS or Operation Community Cats.
- * Borrow trap 2-5 days before appointment if you need to acclimatize cat/s with traps. Traps are to be returned asap.
- * OCC's trap manager is Beulah @ 208-608-2946 in Meridian off of I-84 near Linder & Pine. She will train you.

Rehoming ferals

Unfortunately the only place to move a feral cat to is a *responsible* barn home. Cats must be contained for four weeks in a tack room, garage, house, shop or shed to acclimate, otherwise they just run off. Barn homes can often be found through Facebook, Next Door.com, Craigslist, flyers in D&B & Tractor Supply and word of mouth. Be sure to screen people to ensure the cats will be provided food, water and shelter. A home visit is recommended.

In Canyon County:

TNR is available for all feral cats.

Strays accepted in city limits

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Strays are not accepted in the following city limits

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Contact

- * **West Valley Humane Society** westvalleyhumanesociety.org
- * Select:
 - Intake Process
 - Select "Community Cat Program" for ferals
 - Select "Stray Animals" for friendly stray cats
- * Read info completely
- * Fill out the form
- * WVHS will email you back with appointment options.
- * They are closed Sunday & Monday, but are open for intake Mondays.
- * email: cats@westvalleyhumanesociety.org
- * **All feral cats must arrive in a humane cat trap. All strays in a carrier.**

Feral

- * Spay/neuter appointments are often scheduled weeks to months out.
- * \$25 - \$50 per cat, depending on where in Canyon County you live.

Stray

- * Surrender appointments are usually available right away.
- * Surrender fees- \$25- 50 for in-county. Call WVHS for details on your area.
- * There is no charge for surrender of a sick or injured cat.
- * Please make an effort to find the owner before surrendering. Lost cats seldom wander more than 1 block from their home.

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- * 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 2-5 days before the appointment to acclimate the cats.
- * You must have appointments to borrow traps from OCC.
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Outlying Cities & Towns in SW Idaho not in Canyon or Ada Counties-

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West Valley Humane Society will accept ferals only from these areas.

West Valley Humane Society cannot accept strays from these areas.

The fee is \$50 per cat for feral spay/neuter.

See above Canyon County section for instructions or email them at

cats@westvalleyhumanesociety.org .

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

SNIP April through October. Feral Fridays. Create account & book online at **<https://www.supersaas.com/schedule/occidaho>**

SPOT Idaho Humane Society feral/spay program. Must have an appointment. 208-331-3985 Lizzy West or Ewest@idahohumanesociety.org

Pet Haven Feral Thursdays. Book online at *pethavencats.org*. Appointments are often booked weeks out but check often, especially night before.

OCC Operation Community Cats has access to a few other appointments if you are unable to get an appointment anywhere. 208-477-1550