

Use of Personal Traps

The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast allows the use of personal traps for our TNVR clinic, and asks that all personal traps be approved by HSTC staff prior to use. View our trap requirements below to see if your trap qualifies!

Trap Requirements

Must:

- Have a bite plate
- Have a manufacturer-installed handle over the bite plate for carrying the trap
- Be in working order, easily set, easily opened by a human, and secure when tripped



< This is an approved, humane, live trap. It is sized for a medium-sized animal, has a bite plate under the handle, allows for visibility of the cat, is secure, and in good condition. It does *not* have a handle that opens the door, and it does *not* collapse.
> We also accept Tru-Catch traps, but do require that caregivers use carabiners on the rings to keep the trap secure.



Must Not:

- Be collapsible of any kind
- Be rusted, damaged, or missing pieces
- Be held together at any point with zip ties, wire, string, etc
- Have a handle that also acts as a mechanism to open the trap door
- Be smaller than 9"x9"x26" or larger than 10"x12"x30"



< **Crates and carriers are not traps.** Crates and carriers do not allow for safe handling, visualization of the cats for anesthesia monitoring and recovery, and are not sanitary for post-surgical care.

> Traps that are too big or too small don't provide the appropriate space to allow for safe handling and monitoring.



< Collapsible traps of any kind, and traps that have handles that open doors present a high escape risk. Traps of either style are not permitted.

> Solid faceplates on both ends of a trap restricts our ability to easily see the cat inside, inject it with anesthesia, and monitor it following surgery. We prefer caregivers do not use this style of trap.



If your trap meets the above requirements, please submit a clear photo to MartinCountyTNVR@hstc1.org for approval from our staff!
You may also visit our main shelter during regular business hours and allow us to inspect your trap in person.