

Vetting your partners

- Request a meeting with their Board of Directors.
- Talk to their partner Veterinarians and/or spay/neuter clinics. Are they professional? Do they have the best interest of the cats in mind? Do they pay their bills on time? What do they offer the cats?

Community cat care package: Recommended care package.

Spay/Neuter

Rabies

Distemper

Parasite Treatment- Revolution

Ear Tip

Microchip- will be traceable back to the organization that purchased the chips.

Questions to ask

- Do they have a website? Do they have a phone number listed?
- Are they a registered 501c3 with the IRS and able to take donations? The IRS program called “Select Check” is where you can find public information on exempt organizations. Check www.IRS.gov
Check www.guidestar.org for more information.
- Are they a registered nonprofit with the local State Corporate Commission or Secretary of State?
Are they in good standing?
- Do they have their own working traps?
- What do they do if they trap a friendly cat? It could be someone’s pet.
- Are they returning cats where they found them in a timely manner?
- Are they a credible group? Ask other rescues in the area that you know.

Trapping Guidelines (Do they follow these basic guidelines)

- Do not leave traps unattended.
- Do not trap overnight.
- Line the bottom of the trap with newspaper.
- Cover trap with sheet as soon as cat enters.
- If cat is already ear tipped and healthy, release cat.
- Target entire colony at same time.
- Trap and get medical attention for sick, injured cats.
- Use trap fork to feed and water.
- Cat should not remain in trap more than absolutely necessary, if healthy, night before spay, night after, and then return.
- Nursing moms need to go back out as soon as they safely can.