

## Free Resources for Colony Caregivers

Colony caregivers are hardworking and passionate individuals. They dedicate much of their time to maintaining the welfare of the cats in their care. However, that doesn't mean they have to dedicate a lot of their money. Toronto Humane Society is committed to helping these unsung heroes with the financial strain inherent in their work. Below is a list of ways Toronto Humane Society can help relieve the costs faced by colony caregivers, and the information necessary to access these resources.



### Food

- Pet food bank: Anyone can pick up pet food from our food bank during regular Toronto Humane Society operating hours, no registration is required, and no questions are asked. However, daily pick up is limited by what is available on site, so if you require a large amount, please email [pvs@torontohumanesociety.com](mailto:pvs@torontohumanesociety.com) to arrange your pick up.
- Semi-annual bulk food pick-up: In partnership with Toronto Street Cats, Toronto Humane Society offers large cat food donation events, specifically geared towards colony caretakers. Information on dates and locations can be found on Toronto Street Cat's website or social media.

### Trap-Neuter-Return

- Trap loaning program. Traps can be borrowed from Toronto Humane Society for a fully refundable deposit of \$50. These traps can be picked up anytime, but it is advisable to email [pvs@torontohumanesociety.com](mailto:pvs@torontohumanesociety.com) in advance to ensure the number you require are available.
- Spay/neuter, microchip, and vaccination. This service is free to all registered colony caretakers! No appointment is necessary. Simply drop off your cats to the Public Veterinary Clinic (the green door around the back of Toronto Humane Society) during operating hours, and pick them up after the recovery period is over. If you are planning on bringing in more than 2 cats, we ask that you email [pvs@torontohumanesociety.com](mailto:pvs@torontohumanesociety.com) to organize.

### Other

- Ill and injured community cats. Toronto Humane Society provides medical care to ill and injured community cats for free! The individual's level of the socialization may limit the options for care, and ailments requiring long-term care may not be appropriate for unsocialized colony cats.
- Winterized cat dens. In partnership with Toronto Street Cats, Toronto Humane Society hosts volunteer-based shelter building workshops throughout the year. For dates, to sign up as a volunteer, or for more information please visit <https://torontostreetcats.com/shelter-building-workshops/>. Winterized cat dens can be purchased for \$15 online (<https://torontostreetcats.com/need-a-feral-cat-shelter/>) and then picked up at Toronto Humane Society.
- Feral Cat Recovery Center. Toronto Humane Society provides ongoing financial support to the feral cat Recovery Center. For more information, visit [www.feralcatrecoverycenter.com](http://www.feralcatrecoverycenter.com).

