

# TRAPPING KIT

In addition to traps, which are the obvious component of trapping, several items can contribute to making your trapping adventures are fun, safe, clean, and successful. You won't be able to carry all of these items with you at all times, so it's a good idea to keep a backpack with the most essential items stashed inside, to make it easier to get them to the trapping site. *Happy humane trapping!*

## FOR THE CATS

- Several large pop-top cans of tuna, mackerel, sardines or other smelly bait, preferably oil packed
- Can opener
- Plastic forks or spoons
- Large, brown grocery bag of newspapers to line the bottom of the traps. Always secure the newspaper to the traps.
- Scotch Tape® to hold the newspaper lining in place
- Dry and canned cat food to leave for cats not trapped
- Water to leave for cats not trapped
- Box of Ziploc® baggies for tuna lids, used plastic silverware, etc.
- Small Tupperware® container that is large enough to hold open cans of tuna still in use. It will help prevent spillage.
- A full roll of paper towels
- Several towels or blankets to cover the traps once the cats are inside the trap. One towel/blanket per trap is ideal.

## FOR YOU

- A friend (optional but helpful)
- One pair of thick gloves per trapper
- ACA's *Feral Cat Colony Tracking System* (tracking spreadsheets) and pencil
- Alley Cat Allies general brochures (to pass out to people who stop by to ask what you're up to)
- Current issue of *Alley Cat Action* or other reading material
- Antibacterial hand wipes, baby wipes, and antibacterial gel. These items are essential for cleaning yourself, the traps, and a variety of other messes.
- Bungie® cords for securing traps inside your vehicle. If they are not secured properly, the cages could open and frighten both you and the cat (or worse).
- Cardboard, large plastic trash bags, and towels (layered in that order) to line your vehicle
- Flashlight
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Appropriate weather-related clothing and practical shoes
- Drinking water for you
- First Aid kit
- Cell phone for emergencies. It is helpful to have the number of an emergency vet already programmed in.