Numbering Convention For Large-Scale TNR

General

**Zone—number** Starting with -01 *within each zone*, continuing sequentially through all the days of trapping in that zone.

Ex. Zone A cats would be numbered **A-01, A-02, A-03…**

Ex. Zone B would start with **B-01, B-02, B-03…..**

Ex. Zone C would start with **C-01, C-02, C-03….**

If at the end of the first day of trapping in Zone A trapped 47 cats, then the next day’s numbering would *start* at A-48

It is very important to have only one person assigning Animal ID numbers in a zone so that the team doesn’t assign the same number to 2 different cats. Additionally, it is important when a new shift takes over to know exactly what the last number assigned was within its zone, so it knows which number to start with.

Kittens

Each kitten should be assigned its own Animal ID number as follows:

* If the kitten is trapped or caught with its mother, then each kitten’s ID number is tied to the mother’s number: Mother Cat Number K1, Mother Cat Number K2, Mother Cat Number K3….

Ex. if the mother cat is C-52, then her 2 kittens would be **C-52K1**, **C-52K2**.

Note: since the kitten’s number is tied to the mom’s, the K numbers assigned always start with K1 and end with the number of kittens in that litter, ex. with 5 kittens, the last kitten numbered would be K5. Then, the next litter with a mother would start over with that mothers ID number, followed by K1, K2, etc.

* If the kitten is trapped without its mother, and the mother is unknown, then the kitten gets a regular ID Number as an adult would: Zone-next sequential number. Ex. D-77