

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE CLINIC

Read This Packet

Read all of the information provided, including the Clinic Policies for Free Surgical Services, Using Public and Private Clinics, Before You Arrive at the Clinic, The Day of the Clinic, the Medical Record and Surgical Release Form. You must agree with and accept all of the clinic policies before bringing a cat for surgery.

Check the Date

Make sure you arrive at the clinic on the correct date.

Check the Cat

Do not bring cats that you know are already altered. Double check to be sure that the cat is not already ear-tipped.

Food and Water

- Ideally, all food for older cats should be removed by 10 p.m. on the evening before surgery. Water can remain until the morning of surgery. Small kittens should have canned food until 7 a.m.
- Cats with food in traps/carriers will not be turned away.

Prepare the Carrier or Trap

- Each cat must have its own carrier or trap. Carriers should be a maximum of 13" high and of solid construction. Cloth carriers and cardboard boxes are not accepted.
- Place a clean towel or blanket into a plastic grocery bag and tie it to the carrier door or trap handle for bedding after surgery. We try, but cannot guarantee, to return all soiled bedding to you.
- Cover the carrier or trap with a large towel or blanket to keep the cat draft-free, warm and calm during transport. This helps preserve body temperature and helps minimize stress and self-inflicted trauma. Cats that can see out may become frantic and injure themselves. Trapped cats should remain covered at all times.

Sign the Surgical Release Form

- A signed Surgical Release Form is required for each day that you send or bring cat(s) to a clinic. Otherwise the cat(s) will not be accepted for surgery. Only one

form is needed for all of the cats for which you are directly responsible on that day.

- Please read the Surgical Release Form carefully. Any person who cares for the cat(s) or is properly authorized to present the cat(s) for surgery may sign this form. (We prefer that the person who feels most responsible for the cat to sign.) If an organization is in charge of the cat, only an authorized representative of the organization may sign. This person accepts full liability for all potential risks and outcomes.
- If you bring cats from more than one person or organization, a separate and signed Surgical Release Form from each is required.
- If you have any unanswered questions concerning anything in the Surgical Release Form, have them answered to your satisfaction at Check-In. Do not sign this form unless you fully understand and accept its contents.

Complete the Medical Record(s)

- One fully completed Medical Record for each cat is required, or the cat will not be accepted for surgery.
- The Contact/Agent listed must be available throughout the day at the phone number provided. This person must be authorized to provide all necessary information and make decisions concerning the cat.
- Check a box indicating whether you are requesting an "Ear Tip" or "Tattoo/No Ear Tip."
- Check the appropriate boxes if the cat is to receive a rabies and/or FVRCP vaccine, flea control or blood draw. (*All ear-tip cats receive a free rabies vaccine.*)
- Provide any known medical issues or concerns and any other information that you feel may be important in the area marked Special Instructions/Comments.
- Complete the Demographics portion of the form. This information helps us obtain funding and identify the regions most in need.
- If a Medical Record is found to be incomplete, the cat will not be sedated. No prior notification of this decision should be expected.