



Surgery and Anesthesia Release for Trap-Neuter-Return

Present this completed form and payment when you bring your cat for surgery. **PRINT CLEARLY**

All cats must arrive in a humane trap. If you are able to let the patient recover at your home as noted below, we HIGHLY suggest bringing a large carrier for the cat to recover in. If a carrier is not provided, the cat will be put back in the trap to recover.

Owner's Name:		Surgery Date:	
Address:		City:	State:
Zip:			
Phone Number: mobile:			
home:			
work:			
Secondary phone/Contact: Name:			
phone:			
Email:			
Cat's name:		Approx age:	
Gender: M F	Color:	Breed:	

I hereby entrust Smithfield Animal Hospital to care for my cat during their stay. I am the owner, or a representative of the owner, of the animal presented and have the authority to execute this consent. I understand the anesthetic and surgical procedures may involve risk of complication, injury, or even death from both known and unknown causes. I further understand that adverse reactions may occur with any sedation or surgical procedure. These reactions may include cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, and death.

I understand that if I am not reachable at the phone numbers I have provided, the best decision for the pet will be made at that time.

- ☐ **CPR**-If you do choose to elect full measure of CPR, a \$100 charge will need to be paid despite the outcome for attempts to save the life of the cat.
- ☐ **DNR**- In the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest, the cat should not be resuscitated (meaning no CPR or other life-saving treatments)

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- I understand that feral cats do not get pre-anesthetic exams. I understand that if the veterinarian finds signs of illness, surgery may be postponed as there are more risks.
- Any valuable items (bowls, towels, etc.) should not be left on or in the trap. I understand the medical staff may dispose of unsanitary items.
- Pick-Up time for cats is between 4:15-4:45. Surgery patients not picked up by that time, will be considered abandoned. Abandonment of an animal is a criminal offense.
- We highly recommend females to be confined in an appropriate cage to recover from the surgery for at least 3 days if possible. For males we recommend at least 2 days if possible.

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Service/Cost	Service/Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Spay (Female)-\$100 Rabies Vaccine Included AND Meloxicam Injection that lasts 24 hours to help with pain & inflammation <input type="checkbox"/> Neuter (Male)-\$75 (I agree if the cat is found to be cryptorchid, I will pay an additional \$25 for a second surgical site and exploratory to find the undescended testicle) Rabies Vaccine Included AND Meloxicam Injection that lasts 24 hours to help with pain & inflammation <input type="checkbox"/> Convenia-Antibiotic Injection that lasts 14 days from injection to prevent infection- \$60 <input type="checkbox"/> Bloodwork -CBC/Chemistry Panel-Will be obtained after sedation. Great way to know the cat's overall health- \$189	<input type="checkbox"/> Feline Distemper Vaccine -Includes Protection from feline herpesvirus-1 (FHV1), feline calicivirus (FCV), and feline parvovirus (FPV)- \$32 <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Trim-NO CHARGE <input type="checkbox"/> Ear Cleaning-\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Revolution -Flea/tick treatment/Dewormer/Ear Mites (Works for 30 days)- \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Microchip-\$59	<input type="checkbox"/> FeLV/FIV/HW test (tests for Feline Leukemia/Feline immunodeficiency virus/heartworm)- \$69 RESULTS: _____Positive FIV/FeLV/HW _____Negative

EAR TIP REMOVAL

I understand that all Trap and Release cats will receive a standard, 1cm ear-tip (surgical removal of the tip of the left ear) as a badge of honor, to allow easy recognition of cats who have already been neutered or spayed from a distance. I understand that requests for small or non-standard ear tips will not be honored.

(Initials) _____

Your signature below indicates your acknowledgement that you have read and agreed to the above procedures that you have all the information you require and you have had a chance to ask questions, and you authorize and consent to the surgical procedures including administration of anesthesia and analgesia.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

9 Steps From Recovery to Return

1. The cats should be returned to you in the same covered traps in which you brought them to the clinic, with clean newspaper inside.

You'll receive their medical records, including rabies vaccination certificates. Keep these in a safe place but accessible in case you need to show them another veterinarian or shelter. These important documents make the case for the cats receiving proper care.

2. Allow the cats to recover overnight.

The cats will need some time to recuperate after their surgery, so keep them indoors in their covered traps. Make sure they're in a temperature-controlled environment cats can't regulate their body temperature while recovering from anesthesia.

Keep the cats away from loud noises, no music and pets and people. Do not let children near them. A warm basement or bathroom is fine. For more information on the best recovery setup for a cat, visit alleycat.org/InTrapCare.

3. Safety first!

Keep the traps covered to ease the cats' stress. Never (never) open the trap doors or let the cats out. As cute as they may look, don't stick your fingers through the bars or try to handle them when they are awake.

4. Obtain emergency phone numbers for emergency vet hospitals

5. Monitor the cats.

Check the cats often and keep an eye out for any bleeding, possible inflammation, possible infection, and lack of appetite. If a cat is vomiting, having difficulty breathing, or not waking up, get veterinary assistance immediately.

Before the surgery, know how to reach the clinic beforehand if there are problems during recovery. If a cat is vomiting while still unconscious (asleep), turn her head to avoid choking. You can do this by gently tipping the trap to no more than a 30-degree angle. Be careful and don't jostle her too much.

6. Give the cats food and water after they wake up.

Wait eight hours after surgery before feeding adult cats. Kittens can be fed shortly after waking from anesthesia. When feeding the cats, lift the back door of the trap slowly and only allow a small gap. Slide a plastic lid with a little bit of food on it through the gap. don't put your hand inside.

You can also use an isolator or trap divider to do this. If you don't have an isolator and you feel you can't slide a plastic lid in without the cat trying to escape, then don't feed them. The cats will be OK, and they can eat once they are released.

7. Cats usually need 24 hours to recover.

Depending on recovery speed, adult cats can be returned to the trapping site 12 to 24 hours after surgery. In some cases, females require 48-72 hours to recover. Make sure all cats are fully conscious, clear-eyed, and alert before release.

If a cat requires more than 48 hours of care, transfer her to a large crate or holding pen. You may also need to transfer a cat into a clean trap if the newspaper becomes soiled during recovery. Clean any soiled traps and reline them with fresh newspaper.

8. Return the cats to the same location where you trapped them.

Early morning is a good time, as it is quieter. Point the traps away from roads or high-traffic areas so the cats don't run into them. Open the front door of the trap and then completely remove the cover.

If the trap has a back door, move the cover away and pull the door up and off (if possible, with your trap), then completely remove the cover and walk away. Be careful to keep your distance and keep your fingers and hands as far from the cat as possible when opening the trap. Watch videos of cats being returned and how to carry out TNR on our YouTube channel.

9. Once you have returned the cats, provide food and water.

If you are the cats' caregiver, you can resume the cats' regular feeding schedule. The cats may stay away from the area for a few days after being returned, but they will come back eventually.

Returning the Cats

You've done the hard work: you've trapped the cats, taken them to the vet to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated and ear tipped, and helped them through recovery. Now you need to return them to their original colony location where they were trapped. Here's what's left:

1. Return the cat.

Release the cats out of the traps in the same place where you trapped them. Don't worry if a cat hesitates before leaving, he's reorienting himself to his surroundings. Sometimes cats will "disappear" for a day or a few days after they are returned. It's okay; they'll show up again eventually!

Resume the feeding schedule and continue providing food and water even if you don't see them, they may eat when you're not around for a while.

2. Thoroughly clean the traps with nontoxic disinfectant after the return.

Whether the traps are borrowed or your own, leave them cleaner than you found them so they're ready for the next trapping adventure. Even clean traps should be disinfected. the scent of the previous cat may deter new cats from entering.

Note that relocation should be considered a last resort under extreme circumstances when the cats' lives are in imminent danger.