

One Spay at a Time

Drop-Off/Pick-Up/Aftercare Instructions for CATS

Drop-off

1. Adult non-feral cats should be fasted the night before. **KITTENS SHOULD NOT BE FASTED.**
2. Your cat must be in a standard plastic carrier, wire crate or live trap. Only one cat per carrier. Your cat will be spending the day in this container.
3. Kittens must weigh at least 2 pounds.
4. You will need to fill out an In-Take form and sign the waiver/surgery release. If you have forgotten your glasses, have an admitting volunteer read the waiver to you.
5. Make sure phone number is appropriate for emergencies/immediate contact on the day of surgery. Occasionally decisions must be made on very short notice.
6. Make sure an admitting volunteer sees the cat to make sure it is generally healthy. Your cat will receive a brief examination when the medical staff arrives.

Pick-up/Aftercare

1. Your pet must be picked up by the time given to you when you dropped off your pet.
2. **PAYMENT IS EXPECTED AT TIME OF SERVICE.**
3. If your cat has received a rabies vaccine, make sure you get a certificate and tag.
4. The last few cats of the surgery day may still be groggy and need to stay in their carriers for another few hours.
5. Feral/outdoor cats must be provided shelter with food and water for at least 2 days after surgery.
6. Kittens should be offered food immediately after you get home. Adult cats should wait for food 'til the next day.
7. For spays sutures are hidden under the skin and dissolve on their own over time. It is not necessary to return for suture removal. Neuters have no sutures. **FEMALES WILL HAVE A SMALL GREEN TATTOO** next to the incision.
8. If cat is handleable, watch spay incision for redness, pain, yellow discharge or bruising/bleeding. Some swelling without any of the above may be normal, particularly if the cat is very active after surgery. For neuter, watch for the above, though mild swelling is almost always present and a small amount of blood on the scrotum is also common. Some licking of the incision is normal but excessive licking to the point of inflammation should be discouraged with the use of an e-collar or bitter spray.
9. If your cat has received ear mite treatment, the treatment should be repeated in 2 weeks .
10. If you feel that an emergency exists with your cat, please call your local veterinarian for assistance, or seek advice from the nearest emergency clinic. If you have questions only, please feel free to leave a message for Dr. Hedges at 563-650-5720. She will return your call as soon as possible.
11. If you see a veterinarian for an emergency, please ask him/her to provide the host with a medical report. If the problem was related to the surgery, One Spay at a Time will reimburse you for any expenses incurred.
12. If you have opted for extra services, your veterinarian may need to know. These may have included Profender for deworming and ivermectin for ear mite treatment.

PLEASE REMEMBER, HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH A FULL SERVICE VETERINARIAN FOR REGULAR CARE FOR YOUR CAT IS VERY IMPORTANT. ANNUAL CHECKUPS ARE AS IMPORTANT AS THEY ARE FOR YOU.