

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE at the CLINIC

Read this Packet

Read all of the information provided, including the **Clinic Information & Policies**. You must agree with and accept all of the clinic policies before bringing a cat in for surgery.

Check the Date

Verify you arrive at the clinic on the correct day of your reservation.

Check the Cats

- Do not bring cats that you know are already altered.
- Do not bring in pets or owned cats.
- Double check to be sure the cat is not already ear-tipped.
- Kittens must weigh a minimum of 3 lbs. Kittens under 3 lbs. will not receive services.

Food and Water

Ideally, all food for adult cats should be removed by 10pm the evening before surgery. Water can remain until the morning of surgery. Kittens should have canned food until 6am.

Cats with food in traps will not be turned away.

Prepare the Trap

Ideally, each cat must arrive in its own animal trap. The maximum number of cats we can safely sedate in a trap is TWO. If more than 2 cats arrive in a single trap, you will be charged a \$20 transfer fee to separate the cats. You must bring an extra carrier for the 2nd cat as all cats have to recover separately after surgery.

Traps must be a minimum of 30" long and 9" high and be in working condition. Traps that are not secure or safe will not be accepted. Check that no sharp edges or points are present inside the trap that can harm the cat as it awakes from surgery. The cats move around as they are waking up and sharp ends can cause serious injury.

Place a clean towel or blanket in a plastic grocery bag and tie it to the trap handle for bedding after surgery. We try, but cannot guarantee, to return all soiled bedding to you.

Cover the 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.

Cut down large sheets or blankets to avoid tripping on them. A slit can be cut at the top for the handle.

Complete the Cat Intake Form

One fully completed Intake Form for each cat is required.

Check the appropriate boxes if the cat is to receive any Optional Services. Payment is due at check-in.

If the cat will be tested for Feline Leukemia/Feline AIDS, please mark if the surgery should continue if the cat tests positive for either illness or if it should be euthanized. If nothing is marked, the test will not be performed. The decision must be made at the time of check-in and we cannot call you during surgery for your decision.

Provide any known medical issues or concerns and any other information that you feel may be important.

Complete the County/City/Zip of where the cat was trapped. This demographic information helps us obtain funding and identify the regions most in need.

The Surgical Waiver must be signed for each cat brought into the clinic for surgery.

Convenia Antibiotic

Convenia is a single injectable cephalosporin antibiotic that provides up to 7 days of treatment for many common skin infections in cats, including wounds and abscesses. Convenia is less expensive and requires no additional effort on the part of the caretaker after surgery.

On the Cat Intake form, please select whether the cat may receive the Convenia injection - if needed. If the vet deems it necessary, the cost would be \$11 payable at check-out. If you decide not to have the Convenia given and the cat has an abscess or wound, the vet may recommend oral antibiotics (mixed into moist food) for 7-10 days. The cost would be \$12-16.