



Surgery Recovery Instructions for TRAPPED CATS

For today's surgery the cats received a long-acting injection of anesthetic, pain medication, and reversal of the anesthetic drugs. When discharged to you, if the cat is alert and active, it may be released back outside. However, the cat needs to be fully alert and active before being released. If the cat is not alert and active, you will need to wait to release it.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

- Please do not reach into the trap –the cats often overreact and may bite! Anyone who is bitten or scratched by a cat should receive immediate medical attention.
- Do not give food or water to adult cats on the same day as surgery. They may spill the water and get their incision wet. Also, they may vomit and accidentally inhale the vomited food or water. Cats can receive food and water the evening of the surgery date when they are fully awake.
- Kittens should be offered a small amount of canned food the night of surgery as soon as they are fully recovered from anesthesia. Feeding helps prevent low blood sugar.
- If you choose to keep the cat overnight, keep the cats in their traps in a warm, draft-free area such as a bathroom or garage overnight.
- Normal behaviors that occur during recovery include head bobbing, wobbly movements, agitation, shivering, and hypersensitivity to light and sound. No cat should be released if it continues to exhibit these signs.
- Abnormal behaviors during recovery include continued bleeding from the surgery incisions, difficulty breathing, vomiting, and inability to awaken. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you are concerned about the cat's welfare.
- If the cats are fully awake, they may be offered food and water and released back to the colony.



If your Cat received additional services today, please review the following information:

- Rabies Vaccination: This vaccination is given following the spay or neuter procedure. The vaccination and licensing are valid for one (1) year from the date of vaccination, this information will be explained in further detail on the Rabies License you have received. If the cat you have brought to the clinic is an unowned, feral cat and will not be returned to an area of ownership, the licensing information for this cat's Rabies Vaccination will be stored in Williamson County Animal Center databases for that cat. Unowned trapped or feral cats will not receive a written form of the Rabies License.
- FVRCP Vaccination: This vaccination is given following the spay or neuter procedure. This injection vaccinates your cat for one (1) year against Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia.
- Dewormer (Topical at Home): This topical dewormer is to be applied at home two (2) days following the date of Williamson County Animal Center services. It is to be applied only following the directions enclosed in the packaging sent home following the spay or neuter procedure. This feline dewormer will terminate tapeworms, roundworms and hookworms - the 3 most common cat intestinal parasites with a single dose.
- Flea/Tick Control: This topical flea/tick product is applied to the cat following the spay or neuter procedure. It is applied to the base of the neck, under the fur. This area may have a damp or moist appearance for up to 48 hours following application. This product will continue to control fleas and ticks on your cat for three (3) months, or 90 days. Do not apply additional fleas and tick control to your cat for three (3) months, or 90 days.
- Microchip: The microchip is embedded with a needle into the skin between the shoulder blades prior to the spay or neuter procedure. The cat will be able to be scanned by a vet office or animal control office in the event the animal is missing. You will need to contact HomeAgain in order to register your microchip. Their website is www.homeagain.com or 1-888-HOMEAGAIN (1-888-466-3242). It is extremely important to do this so your contact information will be registered to the chip. Additional, make sure to keep your contact information up to date.