



Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League

Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR)

Instructions & Information

Please read carefully

- All cats must be three months old and weigh at least three pounds to qualify for surgery, this is the minimum age they can be vaccinated against rabies as required by county ordinance 98-22.
- Nothing should be in the trap except the cat. One cat per trap.
- The trap must be covered with a trap cover or towel at all times to reduce stress and keep the cat calm.
- Make sure your trap is secure so the cat can't escape. Plastic tie wraps or carabiners are a good option.
- Never leave traps out overnight or unattended.
- If you do not have enough traps we loan out traps for an \$85.00 fully refundable deposit.
- If the cat is pregnant the pregnancy will be terminated at the time of surgery.
- If a cat is nursing/lactating please wait until the kittens are four weeks of age before trapping the mother.
- The activity of the cat should be limited for at least 24 hours after surgery.
- If the cat was pregnant at the time of surgery, we advise you to keep the cat in a confined area (or transfer trap for at least 48 hours, if possible). This information will be noted on the medical record.
- If the cat was lactating it is best to get her back to her kittens as soon as possible. She will most likely continue to nurse them.
- Excessive activity can cause sutures to come out prematurely causing the surgical wound to open, become infected, or even cause swelling of the surgical site.
- Most incisions are closed with either absorbable stitches or tissue glue. It may take up to eight weeks for sutures to absorb.
- Male cats do not have stitches.
- All cats will have a shaved abdomen where a **Green Tattoo** has been placed. Males will also have a shaved abdomen and a **Green Tattoo** will be placed in that area. This indicates that the cat has been sterilized.

Accommodations

Cats should be kept in their traps or a confined area until they are ready for release. Always keep the trap covered with a towel to help calm the cat. It is a good idea to elevate the trap slightly above newspaper over plastic (an old shower curtain for example) to allow feces and urine to fall through the trap and away from the cat. Check the newspaper under the trap to see if is soiled and if it is, change the paper. Check the cat periodically to make sure it is breathing and is not bleeding heavily. Heavy bleeding is not common. If you have major concerns about the cat contact the League at 561-472-8812.

Release

Release male cats the morning after surgery. Females should be kept an extra day. If the cat was pregnant, we highly recommend you keep her for two days just to make sure she recovers. If a cat gets very aggravated or will not urinate or eat or drink, you should release sooner.

It is safest to release at night, for the cat's sake and yours. Place the front of the trap so that it opens on to an area as free of obstructions as possible and not facing a busy street.

SUTURES DO NOT NEED REMOVAL