

Pre-Operation Instructions

Arrival in Carrier	Cats must be brought to the clinic, separately, in either a hard-sided cat carrier or humane live trap. Large dog crates or carriers are not acceptable. Also <u>not</u> acceptable are laundry baskets, taped boxes, taped litter pans, fish tanks, on a leash, or in your arms. Do not use blankets, large towels, beds, or toys in carriers; pee pads are ok. We prefer tame cats in front opening carriers and barn, feral or fractious-acting cats in traps for the safety of our staff. A cleaning fee will be charged for a carrier too soiled to return cat to.
General Condition	Cats and kittens need to be at least 4 pounds, which is about 5 or more months old, and in good health. If the vet determines, upon examination, that the cat is not fit for surgery, the cat will be returned to the carrier or live trap and the owner called. The vet may recommend antibiotics before being picked up to help with the problem health condition. If the cat has fleas, the clinic will treat and charge for to prevent infesting the clinic.
Food	Take food away by midnight the night before surgery.
Water	Water is OK. If possible, take water away first thing in the morning.
Barn/feral/colony cats	Cats should be confined the night before with a litter pan, if possible, to prevent them from catching breakfast the morning of surgery. A cat in a trap is NOT to be transferred to a carrier. Leave the cat in the trap no matter when it was captured as handling the cat can be dangerous. A cat who has been in a trap more than a day may need to be hydrated with injectable fluids prior to surgery.
Morning Intake	Drop cats off at the clinic at 8:00am. Park in the side parking lot or front. Paperwork completed prior to the morning helps to make the intake process go smoother. Find the 2 forms to bring on the website under the Clinic Info tab at www.catsnipclinic.org . The forms are: Surgical Release Form and Owner Info Form. If you cannot print the forms, at least look at the forms prior to clinic day for what to expect for services and charges. As space permits, enter the clinic to hand off papers and cat or staff will give you a clipboard with papers to complete. Be prepared to speak with the veterinarian prior to leaving. A mask is optional.
Phone Contact	Your phone must be answered during the day in case the cat is on the surgery table and the staff needs to review the situation immediately with the owner. The phone number used to call you will be either 608-619-0272 or 608-606-3070.
Pick Up & Payment	Return to clinic at 3:30pm for pick up. If the cat awakens quicker than 3:30pm, the clinic may call for an earlier pick up. The clinic accepts cash, check, or debit/credit card (No Care Credit). If a card is used, a convenience fee will be added to the invoice. Tax deductible donations are gladly accepted to help the clinic continue its services.