

**THANK YOU for
helping cats in
your community!**



What to expect:

Normal Recovery

- Panting
- Lethargy
- Deep Sleep
- Slight wobbly movements
- Slight bleeding from eartip

Abnormal Recovery

- Vomiting
- Dilated Eyes
- Fast breathing
- Ongoing wobbliness
- Continued bleeding or discharge from surgery site
- Shivering the next morning

If any of these symptoms are occurring in the morning, take the cat to a vet immediately. Do not release the cat. If you have concerns the cat is slow to recover, has incision complications, or is demonstrating any other abnormal problems, contact Fixnation immediately – 818.524-2287 ext. 4

AFTER SURGERY

✓ **Transport safely.** Never transport cats in an open-bed truck or closed, unventilated car trunk.

HOLDING YOUR CATS

✓ **Safe and warm.** Cats should recuperate in a warm, draft-free environment. Your cat is still recovering from anesthesia when you pick him/her up, and general anesthesia lowers the cat's body temperature. Be sure that the temperature of the room in which the cat will be recovering in is regulated and comfortable – not too hot and not too cold. Use fans, if needed, during hot weather and heaters, if needed, during cold weather.

✓ **Keep the cat covered.** Keep the traps fully covered at all times. Trap covers are provided with all traps borrowed from FixNation. A blanket or old towel also works. This will provide warmth in addition to the sense of calm for the cat.

✓ **Monitor, monitor, monitor!** Do NOT open the trap! Don't place trapped cat(s) in your holding area and forget about them! Check in throughout the night and again in the morning. Peek under the trap cover to visually assess the cat. See "What to expect" in the left hand column for recovery behavior.

FEEDING

✓ **Food & water.** Feed the cat canned, wet food when sufficiently awake. This is SIX (6) HOURS AFTER SURGERY. The time of surgery is noted on the pink copy of the Admission Form you receive when you pick up your cat. Wet food is preferable over dry food because it is 75% water, and it further hydrates the cat. Water can be made available at any time.

THE MORNING AFTER

✓ **Release the morning AFTER surgery.** If cat appears normal, then they should be released the morning after surgery in the EXACT LOCATION WHERE YOU TRAPPED THEM. The longer they are held in the trap, the more stress they will have due to being in captivity.

✓ **Safety first!** Follow the trapping instructions provided in your trap-training session with FixNation. Never attempt to handle a feral cat. Don't stick fingers in the trap or allow children or other pets near the trap.