

# Pre-Surgery Checklist & Reminders

## For homeless feral, and stray cats

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



### Quick Facts & Safety Guidelines

- FixNation does NOT spay/neuter cats over 5 years of age.
- Follow feeding instructions for your cats age! If a cat eats after Midnight, it poses a serious surgery risk and the cat could die. **The only exceptions are kittens under 4 months.**
- Trap and transport the cat in a humane cat trap. No exceptions! Feral cats are only admitted in a trap.
- Your signature on your cats' admission form is evidence that you agree to all FixNation terms.

### WORKING WITH FIXNATION

✓ **Make your appointment!** Reservations are required. Complete your application online at [www.fixnation.org](http://www.fixnation.org). Once scheduled, you'll receive a reminder call and/or email the day before your appointment to confirm.

### TRAPPING AND HOLDING YOUR CATS

✓ **Obtain a HUMANE trap.** Whether you have your own, or are borrowing from FixNation, be sure to use only humane, non-collapsible traps.

✓ **Choose a holding area.** Choose an area where the cat will be safe in its trap overnight. It should be warm, dry, well-ventilated, and secure.

✓ **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.

✓ **Keep the cat covered and calm.** Placing a trap cover (provided with all traps from FixNation), blanket, or an old towel over the trap will allow the cat to remain quiet and feel more comfortable.

✓ **Food & water.**

Water should always be made available and is okay throughout the night. Feed as follows:

Kitten younger than 4 months	Cats older than 4 months
Feed (1) teaspoon of wet food at 6am on day of surgery.	No food after midnight prior to surgery.

✓ **Monitor, monitor, monitor!** 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. Feral cats may growl, spit, hiss or lunge at you when you look at them. *Don't take it personally!*

### ARRIVING AT THE CLINIC

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

✓ **Arrive on time!** Between 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. There is a \$25 late fee!

✓ **Check-in process.** Leave your cat(s) in the car until you've filled out check-in paperwork. Please check-in with a FixNation staffer who will explain the admission form for each cat you have trapped.