

Clinic Aftercare

Cats might still be groggy when you pick them up. Anesthesia makes them feel cool, so keep them in a warm, protected, and quiet place.

Monitor cats periodically. Check surgical site and check for steady breathing. Because the hospital facilities are "loaned" to us, we cannot provide aftercare. In the rare occurrence of an adverse reaction, contact an emergency veterinarian in your area (see "Veterinarian Emergency Services" in the yellow pages) and please leave a message about the incident on our voice mail.

Wait until cats are **completely** awake before offering water, to avoid choking or drowning. Food can be offered in the evening or the next morning; if the cats are too scared to eat, consider early release. Be careful when feeding, as the cat may try to escape or attack you! Open trap door just enough to slide in a small bowl of canned cat food mixed with water.

If no special treatment is required, males can be released the day after 12-24 hours after surgery, females 24-48 hours after surgery (stitches do not need removal). The exception is for females with nursing kittens — they should be released 10 hours after pick-up, or when fully awake.