



Feral Cat Coalition
9528 Miramar Rd.,
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San Diego, CA 92126
(855) FCC-CATS

Free services:

- ◆ Spay or neuter
- ◆ Minor medical issues are addressed
- ◆ Pain medication injection
- ◆ Rabies vaccine
- ◆ FVRCP vaccine (protects against two strains of severe upper-respiratory illness and feline distemper)
- ◆ Revolution application (internal and external parasite treatment)
- ◆ De-worming
- ◆ Ear-tip (1/8" to 1/4" cut from the top of the right ear to identify cats as neutered animals)
- ◆ Flea-combing, burr-and matted fur-removal, and ear cleaning

Pre-Surgery Instructions

For feral and stray cats

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

- ◆ Reservations are required for all cats.

TRAPPING AND HOLDING CATS

- ◆ **Traps only.** Each cat must arrive in a humane trap (covered with a towel to calm the animal). Pet carriers are NOT permitted (cardboard, plastic or cloth). One cat per trap.
- ◆ **Choose a holding area.** Choose a place where the cat will be safe in its trap overnight. This should be a warm, dry, well-ventilated area.
- ◆ **Safety first.** Follow the humane trapping instructions provided to you. Never attempt to handle a feral cat, and keep children and pets away from traps
- ◆ **Keep the cat calm and covered.** Covering the trap with a towel will allow the cat to remain quiet and comfortable.
- ◆ **Food and water.** Water should be made available at all times while cats are contained. Kittens younger than 4 months of age may be fed one teaspoon of wet food at 6:00 a.m. on the morning of surgery. Cats older than 4 months of age must fast for 12 hours before surgery.
- ◆ **Monitor.** Check on the cats throughout the night and in the morning.

AT THE CLINIC

- ◆ **Transport safely.** Never transport cats in an open truck bed or in a closed, unventilated car trunk.
- ◆ **Arrive on time.** Check in with an admitting volunteer. Each cat must have a reservation. Be prepared to provide your full name, address, and phone number, and address where the cat was trapped.
- ◆ **No pets.** Pets are not permitted. Cats wearing collars will be rejected for surgery.
- ◆ **Be available during the day.** Answer phone calls during the day in the event of an emergency.
- ◆ **Please note.** There is always a risk involved when an animal undergoes anesthesia. Caretakers are required to sign a release which holds the Feral Cat Coalition, its staff, and its facilities harmless should a cat experience complications or death due to surgery. Any cat deemed too ill to survive will be humanely euthanized at the discretion of the veterinarian on duty. All pregnancies will be humanely terminated.

THANK YOU for helping to reduce the suffering and overpopulation of homeless cats in your community!



What to expect:

Normal Recovery

- Lethargy
- Unsteadiness

Abnormal Recovery

- Vomiting
- Dilated pupils
- Rapid breathing
- Continued bleeding or discharge from surgery site
- Shivering the next morning

If any abnormal symptoms occur the morning after surgery, do not release the cat. Call (619) 333-8525 immediately.

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Post-Surgery Instructions

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AFTER THE CLINIC

- ◆ **Return to the clinic on time.** Check in with a discharge volunteer. We do not board cats, nor do we have staff at our facility after clinic hours. Any cats not picked up on time are considered abandoned and will be relinquished to Animal Control.
- ◆ **Understand the post-surgery instructions.** A discharge volunteer will inform you of any special instructions before you leave the facility. We will not be responsible for complications arising from the use of medications obtained elsewhere.
- ◆ **Keep cats safe and warm.** Cats should be held in a comfortable, temperature-regulated environment. Anesthesia lowers a cat's body temperature. Make sure cats are not too hot or too cold. Elevate traps with wood blocks, and place newspaper on the ground underneath to catch falling waste.
- ◆ **Monitor cats after surgery.** Check on cats throughout the night and before release. Check the surgical site, if possible, and watch for steady breathing. In the rare occurrence of an adverse reaction, call **(619) 333-8525**.
- ◆ **Food & water.** Wait until cats are fully awake before offering food or water. Open trap door just enough to slide in tuna-sized cans of food and water. Wet food is preferable.
- ◆ **Sutures do not require removal.** Sutures are absorbable or stainless steel, and do not need to be removed.
- ◆ **Release cats the morning after surgery.** Keeping them longer than one night can result in unnecessary stress. Lactating females should be released the night of surgery so they can return to and nurse their kittens as soon as possible (a discharge volunteer will inform you if your cat is lactating). Always release cats in the area where they were caught. Point the front of the trap so it opens to an area as free of obstructions as possible, and not facing a busy street.
- ◆ **Safety first.** Be cautious when handling traps. Never attempt to handle a feral cat. Keep children and pets away from traps. If you are bitten, seek immediate medical attention and quarantine the cat.

The Feral Cat Coalition is a non-profit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. Your generosity allows us to provide free spay/neuter to even more feral cats in need.