

Gupton's House Vet Feral Cat Day



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316-681-0515 appointments

620-482-0434 Dr's cell questions, medical and procedural

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Keep these

Medical Record, one for EACH cat insert

Surgical Release, one per dayinsert

Leave these with cat(s)

When You Arrive: Quick Check List

1. Park your car, Leave cats in car motor off
2. Complete all medical records and sign surgical waiver
3. Sign check-in list once paperwork has been complete
4. Pick up a pager
5. Obtain ID numbers and ID tags for your cats
6. Write ID numbers on medical records
7. Attach ID tags to carriers/crates/traps
8. Bring paperwork into the clinic. Once reviewed, you will be asked to Bring in cats



IF YOU NEED HELP CHECKING IN, please ask!

- ★ You may park on the street or in the lot. Turn off the motor and leave cats in the car.
- ★ Please do not bring in cats until instructed to do so. Once paperwork has been completed, you will be asked to bring in your cats.
- ★ Fill out one Medical Record per cat LEGIBLY and COMPLETELY. People with completed paperwork will be processed ahead of others who arrived earlier but have not finished their paperwork.
 - ★ “Name of owner/caretaker” is the person who cares for the cat or requested trapping.
 - ★ Read and sign on Surgical Waiver pet clinic day.
- ★ When all paperwork has been completed, please sign a check in list outside our clinic door. Legibly write your name, then number of cats that you brought. Follow the number sequence to get your cats’ ID Numbers and ID tags. For example: if the person ahead of you has cats #4,5,6,7, and you brought five cats, then your cat's ID numbers will be 8, 9, 10,11, and 12 Write those numbers on the check in sheet in the indicated space and at the top of Surgical Waiver.
- ★ Get the plastic numbered tags that correspond to your cats’ numbers. These are located near the check in clipboard and attach the tag to the front of your carriers/traps.
 - ★ Wait for your name /pager to be called.

- ★ Unload cats when instructed by the check in attendant.
- ★ You will be given a time window for pick up.

CATS NEED BEDDING FOR A COMFORTABLE, WARM RECOVERY!!

We appreciate donations of towels and other bedding materials

Fleece is superior at preserving the cat's body temperature. Most cats lose body heat under anesthesia, so maintaining body temperature is imperative. Fleece also provides a good barrier against contamination, because fluids wick into the fabric instead of soaking through and contaminating surfaces below. The fabric is durable and does not deteriorate after bleaching with each wash.



CLINICAL POLICIES FOR SURGICAL SERVICES

Thank you for contacting Gupton's House Vet. We hope to help improve the lives of the felines in your life.

The services we provide are intended to...

- Reduce the number of free-roaming and unowned stray or abandoned cats
- Reduce the impact of free-roaming cats on the environment
- Improve the quality of life of free-roaming cats
- Reduce the number of cats placed in and euthanized in area shelters
- Increase the chances for shelter cats to be placed in homes

All policies are in place to insure the greatest safety for the cats while they are in our care.

Please read the following information carefully, you must agree with and accept all the clinic policies before bringing a cat for surgery. Our policies are intended to put the cats' needs first.

EAR TIPS

Ear tipping is mandatory for cats receiving surgery on feral cat day as a safety measure for the cat's benefit. One centimeter is removed from one ear tip to visibly identify an altered free roaming cat to avoid future transport, stress, and anesthesia.

APPROPRIATE CARRIERS

We accept either tame or feral behaving cats in carriers. Small sturdy plastic carriers with front opening doors are ideal Only ONE cat to a carrier. We allow litters of small kittens in one carrier before surgery but will need separate carriers for recovery. Cardboard carriers or boxes are not acceptable.

TRAPS

Metal live traps are accepted. Two cats are allowed in a trap prior to surgery but will need separate carriers for recovery.

MINIMUM WEIGHT

FOUR pounds/FOUR months is the minimum weight for surgery.

MICROCHIPPED CATS

All cats are scanned for microchips. If a chip is found, no further services are performed. We will attempt to contact the chip registrant and inform him/her how the cat was transported to the clinic and how best to retrieve the cat.

RABIES VACCINATION

All cats presented for surgery will be given rabies vaccination according to city/county/state law.

MEDICAL PROBLEMS

We do not provide veterinary care other than spay/neuter on Feral Cat Day. Medical issues observed by the staff will be noted on the Medical Record. Minor problems such as fight wounds may be treated, but this is not guaranteed.

FeLV/FIV TEST

We offer blood draw and testing for cats under anesthesia at a \$30 per cat.

EUTHANASIA for EAR TIP CATS

Only free roaming cats presented for ear tip surgeries are considered for euthanasia due to health reasons. If the examining veterinarian believes a cat is suffering, determines that a cat is in extremely poor health, or believes that it is inhumane to return the cat to a free roaming lifestyle, we may euthanize the cat without contacting you first. We strive to make accurate and humane assessments, but choices are not always clear. If we have questions or need further information to assist in making a decision, we will call the contact/agent listed on the Medical Record. We do NOT euthanize any cat that appears to be in good health.

MEDICAL RECORD AND SURGICAL RELEASE FORMS

These forms must be completed legibly and signed prior to surgery. Incomplete or illegible paperwork will result in needing to be filled out again and a delay in admitting the cats.

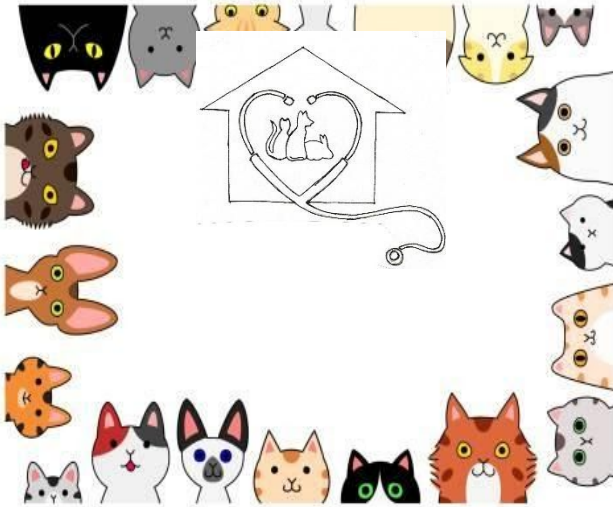
RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICES

We reserve the right to refuse future services to any person who engages in any inappropriate treatment of staff, volunteers, property, or cats.

PRICING

Males (Neuter w/rabies vaccination) \$

Females (Spay w/rabies vaccination) \$



Post-Op Instructions: Cat # _____

Keep the Cat Very Warm Until Fully Awake!!!

1. Keep the cat in its carrier/trap until it can move around normally
 - a. The cat can injure itself as well as you and your property if released too soon. Its coordination is hindered by anesthesia, so it will not be able to jump or climb normally until the anesthesia fully wears off.
2. Keep the cat in its carrier/trap in a warm, dry, draft-free sheltered area that you can check on frequently.
 - a. Cats who have not fully recovered from anesthesia are at risk of hypothermia (dangerously low body temperature) which can cause re-anesthesia and perhaps death.
 - b. While the cat is still drowsy, keep the carrier/trap in a very warm room (ideally near 85 degrees) A cat's normal body temperature is 100 degrees. Until anesthesia wears off, it can become chilled in 70-degree or cooler room.
 - c. Cover the carrier/trap with sheets, towel, or blankets to help the cat preserve body heat. If the carrier/trap is on a cold floor, place a thick towel or blanket under it as well. Make sure there is ample ventilation in warm weather, so the cat does not overheat.
3. If the cat is alert, provide water in a way that will not spill and wet its bedding. The cat can be given a small meal (about 1/3 of a normal meal) and then a little more 2-3 hours later (dry or canned is fine)
4. Normal Surgery reaction
 - a. Ear tips: minor bleeding is expected
 - b. Males: minor bleeding is expected for the first 24 hours. Larger toms may bleed more, but should not require treatment
 - c. Females: Many females develop a sterile suture reaction. A bump appears at the incision site days after surgery. This is not an infection. Suture reactions are sterile and do not require antibiotic treatment. They are caused by the body

breaking down the absorbable suture, which we use because it does not have to be removed after the skin heals.

5. Observe the cat for recovery problems
 - a. The cat should be able to move around normally by about 8 PM. If the cat is unable to stay awake, has difficult breathing or excessive bleeding, or if you notice any abnormalities (swelling, redness, discharge) at the incision site, please seek veterinary attention. You may call the doctor's cell 620-482-0434 for questions
6. Unless otherwise instructed, release the cat the day after surgery
 - a. If the cat's Medical Record indicates she is lactating she should be released sooner, but ONLY when she is awake and moving around normally. The ideal confinement period is one week, but ONLY if the cat can be kept safely inside without becoming a threat to you or itself. Cats must be evaluated individually. Stress hinders recovery, so for some cats, release may be more beneficial than confinement
7. Medications the cat may have received
 - a. Anesthesia cocktail:
 - b. Penicillin antibiotic
 - c. Buprenorphine: pain relief
 - d. Iron supports blood production for pregnant cats
 - e. Rabies vaccine: the 3-year vaccine use is considered good for 1 year if this is the cat's first vaccination
 - f. Fluids: helps prevent and treat dehydration

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Who are we?

Gupton's' House Vet Feral Cat Day is Low-cost, high-quality, high-volume, spay and neuter (HQHVSN) program. We have a vital place in our community and profession and are essential to decreasing cat and dog overpopulation and shelter euthanasia. While more data needs to be collected, preliminary research shows a reduction in shelter intake and euthanasia associated with HQHVSN programs. And by providing care to underserved patient populations, spay and neuter work enhances the quality of life for animals and the humans who live with them.

Gupton's House Vet's regular days of operation provide affordable spay/neuter, vaccinations, urgent care, services, and supplies. Surgeries are appointment only. Appointments and Walk-In hours available.

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