



PURPLE CAT

Mobile Veterinary Clinic

Before Surgery Instructions

- Remove food by midnight the night before surgery except in kittens less than 4 months. For kittens less than 4 months of age, remove food the morning of surgery.
- Remove water the morning of surgery.
- Place cat in a small crate and arrive at surgery location by the time instructed to by clinic host.
- Only place one cat per crate. The only exception is in kittens. Kittens 4 months of age can be in a crate together (up to 4 per crate) if they are friendly and used to handling.
- DO NOT USE DOG CRATES OR TRIANGLE CRATES. These crates have openings that allow the cats to escape when the door is opened. If you bring your cat in one of these crates, we will ask you to leave and bring them back in an approved crate. Please ask if you are unsure if your crate meets our requirements.
- Inspect crate and be certain that your cat cannot escape. If doors do not close securely then use Zip ties to reinforce.
- Crate must be clean inside and out. If your carrier is dirty, we will ask you to clean it before leaving it with us. Only send towels and blankets that can be tossed if they get dirty or lost. We are not responsible for lost blankets.
- Label your crate with your name and your cat's name and your phone number. Duct tape and a sharpie work well.
- We highly recommend a flea treatment within one week prior to the Purple Cat surgery date. We see cats from all types of family situations and some of them carry fleas. Our recommendation is Frontline which can be purchased over the counter at Farm and Fleet and other stores.
- Having your cat vaccinated for Rabies and 3-way/Distemper PRIOR to surgery is highly recommended. The 3-way/Distemper vaccine can be purchased over the counter at Farm and Fleet or given by your regular veterinarian. Some of our feral cats may come in with respiratory infections and the Distemper vaccination will help prevent your cat from catching this.
- Bring the following form filled out and signed (printed off website www.purplecatvet.com)
 - **Purple Cat Surgical Consent Form (one per cat)**
- Bring payment in cash or certified check. Personal checks and credit cards are not accepted. Payment will be collected at time of check-in. Please bring exact amount for payment.
- We strongly advise against spay surgery on cats that are 3rd trimester pregnant. Risk of anesthesia and surgery complications (including death) are very high in this group of cats. If you do bring your very pregnant cat in for surgery, she will be spayed. You will be charged an additional \$10 to cover costs of fluid administration and euthanization of kittens.

For Feral and colony cats that are not accustomed to handling by people, follow above instructions with the following additions:

- Place your cat in a live trap or secure small pet carrier the night before surgery. Your cat will stay in this crate until their surgery. Dog crates and cardboard crates are not allowed. Make sure they are kept in a warm location (70-degrees Fahrenheit) since they cannot huddle with friends to keep warm. Tightly secure carrier to avoid escapes. Zip ties work well.
- It is okay to leave food and water in with your feral cat.
- Cover the crate with a sheet or light blanket to help reduce stress. Feliway sprayed on the blanket is strongly recommended.
- Please note all cats will need to be in a warm shelter (70 degrees Fahrenheit) for 24 hours following surgery. If this is not possible, please do not schedule until outdoor temperatures are in the 70-degree Fahrenheit range during the daytime hours.

Surgery Fees: \$70 pet female cat

\$55 pet male cat

\$15 Rabies vaccine (must be at least 12 weeks of age to receive)

\$15 3-way/Distemper vaccine

\$60 Farm/Feral/Outdoor colony cats; includes required ear tip, Rabies vaccine (if over 12 weeks age), & Distemper vaccine

\$10 additional fee for 3rd trimester pregnant cat, these cats have higher risk of anesthesia and surgery complications including death.

All cats:

Please note: Purple Cat Mobile Clinic is a high volume/low-cost cat spay/neuter clinic. As such, our primary goal is to surgically sterilize cats and reduce the population of feral cats and cats surrendered to area humane societies. We do not provide well animal exams. Our phone and email consultations are restricted to questions directly related to spaying and neutering your cat.

* Feral cats can be unpredictable. Our number one concern is for your safety. Please be cautious as you work with your feral and semi-feral cats. If you have any doubt in your mind about your safety, please refrain from any contact with the cat. Our staff are trained to handle aggressive cats and will do the handling the morning of surgery. The surgery will not be cancelled just because food was left in the crate overnight.

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