



# PURPLE CAT

## Mobile Veterinary Clinic

### Before Surgery Instructions

- **Do not bring your cat for surgery if it is sick, stopped eating, has had seizures, or requires special anesthesia according to your breeder or regular veterinarian.**
- Remove food by midnight the night before surgery except in kittens less than 6 months. **For kittens less than 6 months of age, remove food the morning of surgery after they have eaten breakfast.**
- 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 LARGE 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](http://www.purplecatvet.com))
  - **Purple Cat Surgical Consent Form (one per cat)**
- You paid for your cat's surgery on-line and we have record of that. If you want any optional services such as vaccines, flea treatment, ear mite treatment, or nail trim, please bring payment for these **in cash or certified check.** Personal checks and credit cards are not accepted on-site. Payment for these additional services will be collected at time of check-in. Please bring exact amount for payment.
- We strongly **advise against spay surgery on cats that are 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 \$30 to cover costs of fluid administration and euthanization of kittens. Early pregnancy cats will be charged \$20 additional fee.

### 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. Containing these cats 48 hours prior to surgery is often better as you have better chance of not losing your deposit for a missing cat. Your cat will stay in this crate until their surgery. Large dog crates and cardboard crates are not allowed for transport to the Purple Cat clinic. While your cat awaits the surgery day, make sure they are kept in a warm location (70-degrees Fahrenheit) since they cannot huddle with friends to keep warm and continue to offer them food and water until the morning of surgery. 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 24-48 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: \$95 pet female cat

\$75 pet male cat

\$20 Rabies vaccine (must be at least 12 weeks of age and at least 2.8 pounds weight to receive)

\$15 3-way/Distemper vaccine

\$70 Farm/Feral/Outdoor colony cats; includes required ear tip, Rabies vaccine (if over 12 weeks age), & Distemper vaccine

\$20-\$30 additional fee for pregnant cat. \$10 for early pregnancy and \$20 for late pregnancy.

### 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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### After surgery instructions

1. Do not leave the Purple Cat clinic without **confirming you have your cat** and the **surgery record** with **rabies certificate**.
2. Before leaving **check that your kennel is securely shut** including all latches and zippers. Cats will escape if given the chance!
3. Before leaving, check your surgery record and rabies certificate. **Make sure the vaccines you paid for were checked off as having been given**. Schedule the **booster vaccines with your regular veterinarian** according to recommendation found on your surgery record.
4. **Keep your surgery record and rabies certificate in a safe spot**. Taking a photo with your phone will help you when a landlord or veterinarian asks for proof of rabies or sterilization. **Purple Cat charges \$10 per surgery form and rabies certificate records that are requested after the clinic date**.
5. **Monitor the incision**. It is not uncommon for a suture reaction to occur on spay incisions. This will look like a firm or soft lump at the surgery incision. It may be the size of a grape or as large as a walnut (3/4 inch to 1.5-inch diameter). It will **not** be painful. It will **not** be red. It will **not** be moist.
6. If the incision is red, painful, draining or if you are not sure if there is a concern, please **text Dr. Angie at 715-419-1989 and send a picture**.
7. **Offer food 3-4 hours after surgery for adult cats or immediate upon arrival home for kittens** less than 6 months of age. See below for more specific directions on feeding. Text Dr. Angie at 715-419-1989 if your cat is not eating by 8 am the morning after surgery.
8. If you are concerned about your cat following his or her surgery at our clinic, and you think it is related to the surgery, please TEXT the Purple Cat Mobile Veterinary at 715-419-1989. Dr. Angie will return your text, or call you, within a short period of time including the evening up to 9 p.m. If you have a concern in the middle of the night, or if you have not received a response from Dr. Angie in a timely fashion, please contact your regular veterinarian or the nearest 24-hour emergency clinic. This includes Allied Emergency Veterinary Service in Eau Claire, WI at (715)529-5900, Affiliated Emergency Veterinary Service in Duluth, MN at (218)302-8000 and Animal Emergency and Referral Center in Oakdale, MN (651)501-3766.

### Additional Instructions Feral/outdoor cats:

- DO NOT release your cat until tomorrow morning.
- Keep cat in crate/live trap until release into the outdoors.
- Cover the crate with a sheet or light blanket to reduce stress for the cat.
- Keep cat warm (70 degrees F) and monitor hourly. An inside bathroom works well. Cats are unable to fully regulate body temperature until anesthesia is fully out of their system.
- Okay to offer small amount of canned food mixed with water today. Place food in shallow dish. Open cage door only as far as is needed to get food inside. Place food inside without placing your hand inside cage. Use extreme caution so as not to get bitten. If in doubt, do not feed cat tonight but instead offer food at an outdoor location tomorrow when it is let free.
- Monitor for bleeding, excessive licking, infection, illness, decreased appetite and activity.

Releasing the cat: The following morning after surgery, the cat can be released back into the area where they were trapped. Prior to release, be sure there are no signs of illness. If there is extreme weather or the cat had been pregnant, keeping an extra 24-48 hours may be advisable.

### Additional Instructions Indoor cats:

- Okay to offer water and a small meal 4 hours after their surgery. If they are not interested in eating right away, this is not unusual. Pick up the food and offer it again after a couple of hours. **All cats should be eating by the morning after surgery. If your cat has not eaten by 8 am the following morning you should contact Dr. Angie at 715-419-1989 before 10am.**
- Do not allow rough play for one week.
- Keep indoors exclusively for 2 weeks.
- Monitor for incisional swelling/redness/pain and for decreased appetite and activity and text Dr. Angie if concerns.

### Additional Instructions Kittens less than 6 months:

- Feed small meal (1-2 tablespoons) of canned food and water immediately when you get home. Can repeat 1-2 hours later if no vomiting. The next day return to normal feeding. Text Dr. Angie at 715-419-1989 if kittens are not eating by 6 pm the same day as surgery.

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