



# PURPLE CAT

## 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 6 months or younger. For kittens 6 months of age or younger, remove food the morning of surgery after they have eaten breakfast.
- Remove water the morning of surgery for all cats.
- Place the cat in a small crate Not bigger than 28L x 21W x 21H (inches)
- Only place one cat per crate. The only exception is in kittens. Kittens 3 months of age can be in a crate together (no more than 2 per crate) if they are friendly and used to handling.
- DO NOT USE LARGE DOG CRATES OR TRIANGLE CRATES OR BACKPACK CARRIERS. These crates have openings that allow cats to escape when the door is opened. If your cat comes in one of these, we will ask you to leave and bring them back in an approved crate.
- Inspect crates 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. **NO HAY/SAW DUST/ SHREDDED PAPER etc. for bedding.**
- 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. 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.
- We require all cats to have had two Feline Herpes/Calici/Panleukopenia virus vaccines (FVRCP) 2-4 weeks apart with one given at 16 weeks of age or later. The second FVRCP should be given at least two weeks prior to surgery. This vaccine is also called 3-way, 3 in 1 vaccine, or Distemper vaccine. Your regular veterinarian is the best person to give this vaccination and discuss the booster schedule. It is important that you develop a relationship with your local veterinarian. Purple Cat Vet also provides FVRCP vaccine at an affordable price. You can find information on the "Walk-In Vaccine Clinics" page of our website at [www.purplecatvet.com](http://www.purplecatvet.com). Alternatively, the FVRCP vaccine can be purchased over the counter at Wisconsin-based Farm and Fleet stores or online through ValleyVet.com and administered by you. Note that rarely cats have vaccine-associated allergic reactions which can be serious. You are vaccinating at your own risk. Feral cats that cannot be handled are exempt from this vaccine requirement.
- Print and fill out your Anesthesia Release Form and bring the paper copy with you to your appointment (one per cat).
- 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 higher in this group of cats. If you do bring your very pregnant cat in for surgery, she will be spayed. You will be charged additional fees.

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

- Vaccines are NOT REQUIRED if truly FERAL and unable to be handled Note: there are increased risks of contracting disease in any unvaccinated cat.
- Feral cats must come in a live trap or secure small pet carrier not bigger than 28L x 21W x 21H (inches)
- Containing these cats 48 hours prior to surgery is often better as you have a 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 for feral cats.
- While your cat awaits the surgery day, make sure they are kept in a warm location (68-degrees Fahrenheit) since they cannot huddle with friends to keep warm. 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- even on the morning of surgery.
- 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 (68 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.

\* Feral cats can be unpredictable. Our primary concern is your safety. Be cautious as you work with your feral and semi-feral cats. If you have any doubt about your safety, please refrain from any contact with the cat. Our staff are trained to handle aggressive cats and will handle them the morning of surgery as long as they are in an approved carrier.