

POST SURGERY RECOVERY INSTRUCTIONS

1. SAFETY:

- Do not remove the cats from their traps or try to transfer them to a cage or other container.
- Do not stick your fingers through the bars of the traps or otherwise attempt to touch or handle the cats.
- Keep all trap doors locked at all times and use a trap divider to isolate cats when feeding or cleaning.
- Always re-lock the trap door.
- Keep children and pets away from the traps at all times to minimize stress and prevent accidents.

2. WARM:

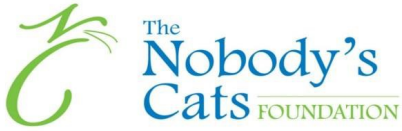
- Cover the traps with a blanket or sheet.
- Keep indoors in a 70 degree or warmer space. Anesthesia prevents cats from regulating their body temperature.
- Do not place traps on a cold or damp floor, which will induce chilling.

3. DRY:

- Place traps on bricks or 2X4s to prevent feces or urine from collecting in the traps.
- Line the area below the traps with newspaper and remove and replace as needed.
- Feed canned food to avoid water spilling in the trap during recovery.

4. FEEDING: (Some cats may be too distressed to eat in the trap)

- Kittens 4 months or younger: Offer approximately 1 Tbsp. canned food about an hour after returning home, about 8 PM and just before your bed time.
- Cats older than 4 months: Offer approximately 2-3 Tbsp. canned food about 8 PM and again just before your bed time.
- All cats/ kittens: Offer normal amounts starting the day after surgery.



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5. RETURN:

- Unless otherwise directed, please keep confined for recovery for 24-48 hours following the surgery.
- Return to the colony as soon as possible after the recovery period. Be sure to face away from danger during return. Consider postponing return in cases of extreme weather, (hot, cold, wet, etc.)

6. EMERGENCIES:

- If a cat is bleeding, vomiting, lethargic, having difficulty breathing, or not waking up after many hours, call one of the emergency clinics listed on this sheet.

Rossmoyne Animal Emergency and Trauma Center:	717-796-2334
Animal Emergency and Referral Center of York:	717-767-5355
Shores Veterinary Emergency Center (Harrisburg):	717-798-8500
Palmyra Animal Clinic:	717-838-5451
Hershey Animal Emergency Center	717-298-7883