Please follow the guidelines below for post-operative care instructions:

- Monitor the cats for 24 hours after surgery. Many cats will not be fully recovered at the time of discharge from the clinic and a complete recovery from anesthesia may take a full 24 hours.

- During recovery from anesthesia cats are vulnerable to heat and cold. They also cannot defend themselves well because they may be groggy and disoriented.

- **Please keep cats protected from the elements in a secure, warm, dry area until the next morning. It is ok to leave them in their traps/carriers to keep them safe.**

- **Do not give the cats food or water in their traps/carriers.** A small amount of canned food will have been put in the traps/carriers by our staff before discharge.

- Normal things you may observe during recovery: deep sleep, wobbly heads, dazed facial expressions, shivering.

- The ear tip may bleed if bumped or rubbed on the sides of the trap. It should stop by the next morning.

- Any continued **active** bleeding from the surgery site is not normal and you should call your local emergency clinic during the overnight hours or Rescue Village during business hours at (440) 338-4819 ext. 14.

- Absorbable sutures are used on all cats so **no suture removal is required.**

- Release the cats the next day only once they are completely awake. Return them to the same area they were trapped. Open the end of the trap or carrier door and the cat will usually run right out. If not, gently tip the trap/carrier and give it a gentle tap to encourage the cat to run out. **NEVER PUT YOUR HAND IN A TRAP!**

- If you rented a trap from us, return the clean, undamaged trap to Rescue Village by the due date to receive your deposit back.

- Please read the animal information and surgery record that will be placed under the handle bar of your traps/carriers for more information about the cat and what was administered to them.