Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)
Post-Operative Instructions

The TNR Medical Record under the trap/carrier handlebar gives you more information on your cat(s). Please make sure to read it. This record should be kept and used if you ever need to trap the cat again and seek veterinary care.

- 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 post surgery. Hold the cats overnight in their trap/carrier and release them in the morning once they are fully awake.

- 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. This will keep them hydrated post surgery. You do not want to risk the cat escaping by opening the trap or carrier door.

- During recovery from anesthesia cats are vulnerable to heat and cold. They also cannot defend themselves well because they may be groggy and disoriented. Keep the cats in a warm and dry place away from the elements.

- Absorbable sutures are used on all cats so no suture removal is required. Normal things to observe during recovery are deep sleep, wobbly heads, dazed facial expression, and shivering. The ear-tip may bleed if bumped or rubbed on the sides of the trap. It should stop by the next morning.

- Release cats the next day only once they are completely awake. Return them to the same area they were trapped. Most cats will run right out once you open the trap/carrier. If not, gently tip the trap/carrier and give it a gentle tap to encourage the cat to run out. Never put your hands in a trap/carrier!

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 normal business hours at (440) 338-4819 ext. 14