

GOFAR Discharge Sheet for Feral Cats

Surgery Recovery Instructions:

1. Cats must be kept in a warm environment until tomorrow morning. They must be kept in the trap/carrier they are in and may be placed anywhere with heat (spare room, bathroom, basement, etc.). Keep the carrier or trap covered with a blanket.
2. Keep the cat indoors for at least 24 hours following the procedure (48 hours for cats that were pregnant).
3. To prevent stomach upset, do not feed your cat during the first 8 hours following surgery. You may provide them with an ice cube or two to lick during this time.
4. Check in on the cat multiple times to ensure there are no signs of bleeding and that the cat seems to be recovering well. The anesthesia can take anywhere from 4-24 hours to wear off and can cause the cat to become aggressive, cause them to overreact to normal stimulus, etc.
5. The cat does not need to return for suture removal; absorbable sutures have been used.
6. Do not give any over-the-counter pain medications such as aspirin or Tylenol to your cat unless prescribed by a veterinarian. These can be very deadly if used incorrectly.
7. Before releasing the cat on the following morning, check to be sure the cat is alert, bright-eyed, and does not display any signs of illness.
8. If you need to keep the cat contained for more than one day, be sure to supply water and canned food. You may also feed the cat a small amount of canned food before letting it out the next day.

Emergency Instructions:

Please call the number listed below if your cat has any of the following symptoms: bleeding, vomiting, difficulty breathing, and/or not waking up.

**If your cat is vomiting turn its head to ensure that the liquid can get out and remove the cat from the soiled area. Your cat may not be fully awake yet, so use gloves for your protection when moving it.*

Number for emergencies ONLY: (607) 287-6898