

Community Cat Guidelines



Community Cats (sometimes known as feral cats) must be admitted in a humane trap. If you don't have a trap we are happy to lend you one. Traps are sometimes also available at Friends of Feral Felines 704.348.1578.

Community Cats may be dropped off for surgery without an appointment on the following days:

Charlotte Clinic (224 W. 32nd Street)	Tuesday and Thursday
Pineville Clinic (10833 Pineville Road)	Tuesday – Thursday
Lake Norman (325 Rolling Hill Road)	Tuesday - Thursday
PICK UP is the next day at:	Charlotte - 7:30 a.m.
	Pineville and LKN – 8:30

Cat traps should have several layers of newspaper and a towel or blanket inside along with food. Once the cat is trapped the trap should be covered with a blanket, sheet or towel and kept in a warm, dark place until the cat is brought in for surgery. Please keep the trap covered when transporting it to the clinic. We also recommend that you bring a recovery carrier for the cat to recover in after surgery.

We prefer to keep the cat at the clinic the first night after surgery and recommend that you keep the cat indoors for as long as possible without causing the cat to be stressed.

North Carolina law requires that all cats that are fixed have a current rabies shot so community cats will be given a rabies shot on the day of surgery. We also recommend giving a distemper and a leukemia vaccination as well.

Because they cannot be handled prior to being anesthetized, community cats are not given a pre-surgical exam or the go-home post-op pain medication. You will be asked to complete a surgical release.

We will not euthanize a community cat who tests positive for Feline Leukemia or FIV. This decision is made on an individual basis and in consultation with the trapper.

All community cats are ear-tipped at the time of surgery. Ear tipping facilitates the identification of these cats as being fixed and prevents them from being picked up again to be spayed or neutered.