



# WOODS HUMANE SOCIETY – SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

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## TNR POST-OP CARE INSTRUCTIONS – Community Cats

### Recovery

It is best to keep them in the trap with the back door locked. The cat should be confined by itself in a warm, dimly lit room free from distractions and noises. An enclosed barn/garage/shed is sufficient. Minimal handling of the cat is best. Keep the trap covered with a towel or light blanket.

Keep interactions to a minimum. Monitor for bleeding, facial swelling, labored breathing or inability to stand/move. If you observe this, please take the cat (in the trap) to an emergency veterinarian. All the sutures used are dissolvable, so no suture removal is required.

### Ear Tip = fixed/altered

This cat received a permanent ear tip indicating it has been sterilized. Ear tipping requires no aftercare.

### Pain Control

All cats receive a pain medication after surgery that will last approximately 8-12 hours. Some discomfort within 24 hours is normal. Vocalizing and shaking can be caused by anesthesia.

### Feeding

The evening after surgery, you can place a small amount of wet food in the trap. **Do not attempt to open the trap/crate unless you can do so safely and without releasing the cat.** The cat may still be nauseous from the anesthesia and may not eat right away. If you are not able to safely open the trap/crate, you can try dropping dry food through the wire of the trap/crate.

### Release

Your cat may be released 12-24 hours after surgery. Ensure that they are bright-eyed and alert. Make sure to release the cat at the same site where you trapped them. Place the trap with one end uncovered and facing in the direction you want them to travel. Let them orient and get used to their surroundings for a few minutes. Then open one end of the trap. It may still take a few minutes for the cat to exit the trap.

<b>24-HR EMERGENCY</b>	Atascadero Pet Center and Emergency Clinic	Central Coast Pet Emergency Clinic	PETS Hospital
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