

Pre-Surgical Instructions—Friendly Cats in Carriers

Please keep cats indoors the night before surgery. No food after 10 pm the night before surgery; can have water.

Cats must be housed in a clean, sanitized carrier lined with a small hand towel or disposable piddle pad; one cat per carrier. If your carrier is unclean and unacceptable, there will be an extra \$20 charge to cover cleaning by our staff (we keep everything as sterile as possible for after-surgery care).

Bring cat in its carrier to our shelter for after surgery, 8 am and 9 am on the surgery day. KCHS staff will check in each animal and verify the owner's address and contact information.

Our veterinarian will perform a health check on each cat to assess its eligibility for surgery. He/she will check each cat's heart rate and lungs, weigh them, check their teeth to determine their age, and check for fleas.

If the veterinary staff detects live fleas on a cat, they will give it a Capstar tablet which will kill the existing fleas for 24 hours. This treatment will keep the fleas from spreading to the other surgery cats. Owners will pay the \$10 fee for Capstar when they pick up the cat later in the afternoon. We offer Bravecto for \$10/3 mths flea/tick treatment.

The veterinarian reserves the right to refuse to perform surgery on any animal deemed to be a surgical risk. The veterinarian will also assess the cat's behavior. The surgery staff is well-versed in methods of handling cats without stressing them; nevertheless, if a cat attacks staff or other cats or causes disruptions in the surgery, the veterinarian can authorize a handling fee not to exceed \$20/cat to be paid by the owner.

The KCHS office staff will call a cat's owner when it has recovered from surgery, sometime between 1 pm and 3:30 pm. Please be prepared to come within an hour of the call to pick up the cat. Any surgery cat remaining at the shelter after 4 pm will be provided with over-night accommodations and the owner will be assessed a \$50 overnight fee.

Other optional charges:

Take-home pain meds (suggested for female cats): \$3/cat

E-collar (highly recommended for cats that are excessive groomers or are likely to lick their incision): \$5/cat

If you are unable to bring your cat for surgery on the assigned day, please call the shelter office by 9 am. If you do not reschedule within one month, you will forfeit your surgery fee.