Recovery Instructions

Recovery

• Keep the cats warm, but not too hot.
• If the cats are friendly with each other, place the traps next to each other so they can see each other.
• Keep traps covered.
• Check the cats regularly to make sure they are recovering well.

Food and Water

• Place a bowl of water in the trap only when the cat is completely alert and recovered from anesthesia.
• Feed the cats only when they are completely alert and recovered from anesthesia.
• When feeding, give the cats a small amount of food, approximately a tablespoon.
• If the cat tolerates the food, give the cat another tablespoon a few hours later.
• The morning after surgery, feed the cat normally.

Return to the Outdoors

If the cats are doing well:
• **Male cats** can be released to their outside home **24 hours** after surgery.
• **Female cats** can be released to their outside home **48 hours** after surgery.
• If a female cat was found to be nursing, you may need to release her 24 hours after surgery so she can feed her kittens.

If you have any questions during the recovery about how your cats are doing, please contact the veterinary clinic where the cats were sterilized. You are also welcome to leave us a message at 847-548-1980 to report on your cats.

Thank you so much for all you do to help these homeless cats!