



Madison Cat Project

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Get Ready For Your Appointment

Hello!

Thank you for scheduling spay/neuter surgery for your cat(s). Please read this document carefully as it covers important information that you need to know prior to your appointment.

Check-in

Our clinic is located at 3205 Latham Dr, Madison, WI (<https://goo.gl/maps/tmbmPVuyJqwceak6A>). Please arrive between 7:30am and 8:00am. Once you arrive, please stay in your car and text us at 608-492-2090 letting us know that you're here. Someone will come out and complete the check-in process with you. The check-in process can take up to 30 minutes so please plan accordingly.

Fasting

Cats should be fasted before surgery. Remove their food by 10pm the night before your appointment. Water should remain available. Kittens under the age of 6 months should be given a small scoop (1Tbs) of food the morning of surgery. Live traps should not be opened to put food inside. If a cat in a trap needs to be fed, the food should be dropped through the wires of the cage.

Cats in carriers

Each cat that you bring should be in their own carrier, which should be inspected to make sure it's secure. Verify that all screws, bolts, and clamps are tight, and that the door can be securely closed. Please put a towel or puppy pad in the carrier to minimize any messes that may happen during transport. Cover the carrier with a towel to minimize stress during transport. Label the carrier with your name and the cat's name. **If you don't have enough carriers, we may be able to lend some to you, please contact us at clinic@madisoncatproject.org.**

Cats in live traps

Live traps should be prepared before trapping by placing a puppy pad or a sheet of newspaper, folded lengthwise, in the trap. This will help to minimize messes without springing the trap. Verify that the trap works properly and is secure before trapping. Once the trap has been sprung, make sure the door is securely closed and latched to prevent accidental opening. Do not leave trapped cats outdoors. Move the trap to a safe, draft-free, warm location and cover it with a towel or sheet to minimize stress. Do not open the trap or reach inside; we'll remove the cat from the trap during the intake process.

Transport

Cats should be contained in a carrier during the drive to the clinic. To minimize the risk of escape, we require that all cats be placed in a carrier before they are removed from your vehicle. The carriers should be fully enclosed in the vehicle; open bed trucks or trailers are not acceptable for transport.

Previous veterinary care

If your cat has had veterinary care within the last year, please let us know, and bring copies of vaccination records.

Wisconsin law requires that our veterinarian speaks with you about the spay/neuter procedure to make sure you understand the risks of the procedures, as well as to answer any questions you may have about the services that your cat will receive. He may contact you in the days before the appointment or speak with you at drop-off time. Please watch for a text or call from 608-492-2090.

What happens at the appointment

Cats will receive a pre-surgical exam to make sure that they are healthy enough for surgery. If we find anything that we feel may increase the risks of anesthesia or surgery, we'll give you a call and discuss it. The thoroughness of the exam depends on the temperament of the cat; a very sweet cat will receive a full physical exam, whereas a feral cat may only receive a visual exam.

Each cat receives an injection of sedative and pain medication. Once the cat is sufficiently anesthetized, we complete the other services (vaccines, deworming, microchip implantation, nail trim, and ear tipping). The surgical site will be shaved and scrubbed with antiseptic prior to the surgery.

Female cats will have an incision on the underside of their abdomen, and the ovaries and part of the uterus will be removed. The incision is closed with suture that is buried under the skin, which will slowly dissolve over a few weeks; there are no sutures to be removed later. Male cats will have two small incisions in the skin of the scrotum, through which the testes are removed. No suture is used, and the incisions will scab over and heal on their own. All cats will have a ~1cm green tattoo placed on the underside of their lower abdomen, which serves as a permanent visual indicator that they've been spayed or neutered.

Check-out

Unless other arrangements are made, please plan to arrive at 3pm to pick up your cat(s). Please stay in your car and call or text us at 608-492-2090 letting us know that you've arrived. Someone will bring your cat(s) out and complete the check-out process with you. We're happy to answer any questions about the surgery or follow-up care at this time. The check-out process can take up to 30 minutes, so please plan accordingly.

Frequently Asked Questions

For more information, please see our FAQ page at: <https://www.madisoncatproject.org/snfaq>

Thank you for giving us the chance to help improve your cat's health and quality of life! If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at clinic@madisoncatproject.org.