



## Before Surgery Instructions

- Cat drop-off is at 7:45am (late arrivals will be rescheduled) | Cat pick-up is same day at 4:30 pm.
- **Feeding Instructions:** All cats should continue to be given water until the time of their appointment.
  - **Kittens (3-4 months of age):** Can be fed 1/3 portion of food up to 6am on the morning of surgery.
  - **Cats over 4 months of age: NO FOOD** after midnight the night before surgery.
- If your cat has been previously prescribed calming medication by another veterinarian, please alert staff which medications they have been given. The calming medication GABAPENTIN is safe to be given the morning of surgery if it was prescribed by another veterinarian for stress.
- Please read: **Preparing for a Veterinary Visit** .
- Read over the information sent to you via email when you scheduled your appointment.
- All cats should arrive in a secure carrier. If you bring multiple cats, each cat will need to be in its own carrier. If you need additional carriers, the APF clinic sells cardboard carriers for \$10.
- Please bring any vaccines records for your cat to check-in. If a valid proof of a current rabies vaccination is not provided to the APF, your cat must legally be administered a rabies vaccine prior to leaving our facility.

### Reasons for Refusal of Surgery

Our veterinarians perform a pre-op physical exam on each animal prior to anesthesia and surgery and reserve the right to decline services to any animal for which surgery is deemed a health or safety risk.

### Reasons for declining surgery may include, but are not limited to:

- Animals that clinic staff cannot safely handle.
- Animals on medications for long-term conditions.
- Animals with known health issues that pose an increased surgical risk may be referred to a full-service veterinary hospital.
- Animals showing any signs of illness such as coughing, sneezing, runny eyes, vomiting or diarrhea.
- Animals with ringworm (either previously diagnosed or found on physical exam), which is a fungal skin infection that causes round scaly lesions on the skin and is highly contagious, will be declined for surgery until proof of treatment by a veterinarian and a negative fungal culture are supplied.
- Adult dogs under 5 Lbs and kittens under 3 Lbs.
- Kittens and puppies younger than 12 weeks.