

Trap Neuter Return Post-op Instructions



- **Allow the cats to recover overnight**

The cats will need some time to recuperate after their surgery, so keep them in a quiet, environmentally controlled environment overnight such as a basement or bathroom. Place an absorbent pad or newspaper under the cage. They can be released 12 to 24 hours after surgery as long as they appear bright and alert.

- **Keep the trap covered**

This will help reduce stress.

- **Do not try to handle the cats**
- **If possible, give the cats food and water when they are awake by sliding in food or water by minimally opening the trap door; do not attempt if you feel you can not safely do so**
- **Return cats where they were trapped**

Early morning is a good time, as it is quieter. Point the traps away from roads or high-traffic areas so the cats don't run into them. Open the front door of the trap and then completely remove the cover and walk away. Be careful to keep your distance and keep your fingers and hands as far from the cat as possible when opening the trap.

The cats may stay away from the area for a few days after being returned, but they will come back eventually.

It is not unusual for cats to not eat after surgery. If you have any concerns about how a cat is doing after surgery, please call us at (405) 854-7330.

For more information, check out the Allie Cats website:

