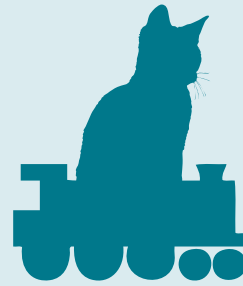


The 9 Stops on the Spay/Neuter Express

How to keep your high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter clinic running on time



Want to improve the lives of cats in a big way? Try organizing a high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter clinic for community cats! It's easy. By setting up these nine stations, you can keep your spay/neuter clinic on schedule and chugging along effectively and efficiently. All aboard!

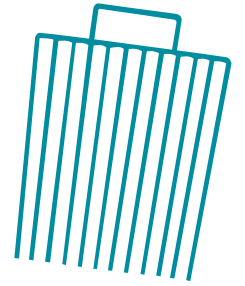
1. CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION

Cat ID# _____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Date: _____	
Colony: _____			
Cat Description: _____			
TKX amt.: _____			
SURGERY: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N #Fet _____			
PREGNANT: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N #Fet _____			
METACAM amt.: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eartip	<input type="checkbox"/> Ivermectin	<input type="checkbox"/> Frontline	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabies
<input type="checkbox"/> FVRCP	<input type="checkbox"/> Pen G	<input type="checkbox"/> Fluids amt:	
Veterinarian Name: _____			
Remarks/Treatment: _____			

Make sure each cat has a ticket to ride by using a tag system to track them as they move down the line and get them back to their destination: the same trap they came in. Assign each cat a number and note it on two tags—one for the trap (attach with a rubber band), and one for the cat.

2. ANESTHESIA

Using an “isolator,” nudge the cat to one end of the trap and inject the anesthesia cocktail into the cat’s muscle. When the cat is fully unconscious, remove the cat from the trap and attach the cat tag to a paw. Note the health and sex of the cat on the tag.



6. EARTIPPING



While the cat is still under anesthesia, eartip the cat’s left ear (learn more at alleycat.org/Eartip). Put a straight hemostat across the tip, exposing no more than 3/8 inch for an adult cat, and use a scalpel to cut the tip off.

5. SURGERY

Open a new surgery pack per cat, then begin incisions. For females, follow the steps in our high-quality, high-volume spay video for surgical instructions (alleycat.org/HQHVSpay).



4. WAITING

Keep up with your conductor! Line up cats in order of preparation to keep the process moving forward so veterinarians are never waiting for patients. Closely monitor cats’ breathing and level of sedation.

3. PREP

Administer Metacam or other painkiller, apply lubricant to the cat’s eyes to keep them moist throughout surgery, and attach female cats to spay boards. Shave the surgical site and sterilize with betadine and alcohol.

7. POST-OP/VACCINE

Remove female cats from spay boards, remove the eartipping hemostat, and apply styptic powder if necessary. Administer rabies vaccine. Also administer other vaccines, like the FVRCP vaccine, if the caregivers agreed ahead of time.

8. GROOMING

As needed, comb cats for fleas or matted fur; shave away serious mats. Administer fluids as appropriate.

9. RECOVERY/DISCHARGE

As each cat pulls into the depot, remove the cat’s tag, compare with trap tag, and return cats to their clean, freshly newspaper-lined trap in a warm location. Cover the traps, but leave enough visible so the cats can be closely monitored as they recover. When the cats regain consciousness, give the cats to their caregivers and provide further recovery instructions (alleycat.org/PostSurgery).



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