

## **WAG FERAL CAT POLICY (FEB. 1, 2012)**

Cats that need to be trapped can be brought into the clinic on a stand-by basis, Monday through Friday.

It is best to come in with stand-by's at 8:30, as those with appointments will be coming in at 8:00. Those with appointments will be admitted first.

It is preferred that true ferals be brought in traps, covered.

Free-roaming cats that can be handled should come in by appointment and can be brought in carriers, even if they are to be done on the Feral Package.

Leave your cats in the car until you come to the front of the line and are cleared for admission and checked in.

Feral stand-by's will be accepted in the following order:

Known females suspected of being pregnant.

Known males.

Possible females suspected of being pregnant.

Known females (three colors or known to have prior litters).

Adult cats of unknown sex.

Kittens.

If we are unable to accept your cat on the day it is brought in, we can keep it overnight for a fee of \$5.00, subject to available space. This does not include weekends. If multiple cats are brought in, or if Friday cats cannot be accepted, you must be prepared to hold them yourself.

### **RECOVERY**

Just having your cat altered is not enough. Because anesthesia brings down body temperature, the cat needs to be kept overnight in a heated area. One night in a trap is acceptable. Set the trap up on 2X2's or something comparable, so that if it has to urinate the urine will go through the bottom of the trap and the cat will not be lying in it.

Male cats can be released after one night if there has been no bleeding. Female cats should be recovered for at least 5 days. If their movement is not restricted, their inner stitches may rupture and their intestines can fall out, resulting in a painful death. We can advise you on how to recover your cat. If there is no other possible option, we will recover your cat at the clinic for a charge of \$20.

### **TRAPS**

WAG has a limited number of traps that are loaned out for a \$70 deposit, refundable upon return of the trap. TRAPS ARE LOANED OUT FOR A PERIOD OF 10 DAYS ONLY. If, during this period, cats are brought in for alteration, the loan can be renewed. If you are unable to catch your cat(s), we can put you in touch with an experienced trapper.

### **FERAL CAT PACKAGE: \$40 FEE**

WAG's Feral Cat Package includes spay or neuter, distemper and rabies shot, and a dose of Revolution (systemic to kill fleas, ear mites and roundworms). We also express abscesses and clean other wounds. Cryptorchid (testicles undescended) males or males with hernias are not charged extra but will require the recovery time of a female. EAR TIP IS MANDATORY, NO EXCEPTIONS.

FIV and FELV (feline leukemia) TESTS are \$20 on cats brought in for surgery. You must sign a form telling us what action you want taken if the cat tests positive. If you decide on euthanasia, your surgery fee will be applied toward this. We can arrange for cremation for an extra fee.