

CATNiPP POLICIES & SERVICES

CatNiPP was established to improve the lives of cats in our communities. We aim to address the needs of the District's community cats, as well as the people who co-exist with them, through comprehensive, targeted Trap-Neuter-Return.

APPOINTMENTS

Please **make an appointment before trapping or bringing in a cat for surgery** by emailing catnipp@humanerescuealliance.org or calling 202-608-1356. Surgery is performed Monday through Thursday (we are closed on Fridays) and usually on the second Sunday of each month.

Cats must be dropped off in the morning and picked up the same day. **We DO NOT hold cats overnight** unless special arrangements have been made in advance (prior to drop-off).

Monday—Thursday: Drop-Off: 8:00–8:30AM/Pick-Up: 5:00–6:00PM

Sunday Clinic: Drop-Off: 7:30–8:30AM/Pick-Up: 3:00–5:00PM

TRAP REQUIREMENTS

All cats MUST arrive in a metal box trap, covered with a towel or blanket and the bottom lined with newspaper. For the cat's safety, as well as the safety of you and our staff, we do not accept cats for CatNiPP services in carriers. Special circumstances must be discussed with CatNiPP staff prior to arrival at the clinic.

TRAP LOANS & RESERVATION (71 Oglethorpe St NW)

Traps are available for loan for a fully refundable \$75 deposit (cash, check, or credit card) for a period of two (2) weeks. Loan periods may be extended while actively trapping cats. Our traps are specifically designed for trapping cats. We also have a Drop Trap available for loan.

Traps MUST be reserved in advance so that a CatNiPP staff member is available to provide instruction on proper trap usage. Typically, reserved traps may be picked up during the following times: Monday—Friday 10:00AM–8:00PM; Saturday or Sunday by appointment only.

STANDARD CATNiPP SERVICES

FREE for community cats residing in DC and Prince George's County, and for \$45 for community cats from other areas.

- **Spay or Neuter** surgery with pain management; subcutaneous fluids are given as needed
- **Rabies & FVRCP** Vaccinations
- Application of **Revolution** (topical flea prevention)
- **Ear-tip and abdominal tattoo**: Ear-tipping is mandatory for cats receiving CatNiPP services. Approximately 3/4 inch is removed from the tip of the cat's left ear to visibly identify an altered, community cat. This prevents a cat from being re-trapped for TNR or from being brought to the shelter mistakenly. All cats also receive a small tattoo to further identify the cat as being altered.
- All cats are scanned for a microchip. If a chip is found we will attempt to contact the chip registrant and facilitate return of the lost cat.
- **Microchip**: All DC cats are microchipped as part of the standard package. Otherwise, a microchip may be elected for \$25.

OPTIONAL CATNiPP SERVICES

- We do not offer routine FeLV/FIV testing for community cats.
- **Dewormer**: A dewormer treatment is available for an additional \$10 fee. *Note: this is a liquid, oral medication. If a cat is unable to receive this at the clinic, you will be sent home with it to administer.*

ADDITIONAL MEDICAL ISSUES

Our focus is spaying and neutering. We are not a full-service veterinary clinic and thus are limited in our ability to diagnose or treat additional medical issues. Our ability to treat minor injuries during the course of standard spay/neuter surgery will depend on resources available on that particular day and is not guaranteed. Contact CatNiPP for more information.

RECOVERY

You will be given detailed post-op instructions to follow when picking up your cat(s). You must keep the cat(s) in the trap(s), covered with a towel, in a quiet, safe area, protected from excessive heat, cold, drafts or wet conditions the night after surgery, in order for her to fully recover from anesthesia. Your cat(s) can be released the day after surgery. Some cats may need an extra day to recover before release.