

## POST- SURGERY / RECOVERY PROCESS Information Sheet

- Approximately six to eight hours after surgery, an adult cat will regain consciousness. Once his eyes no longer have a glazed-over appearance and he's sitting upright, you can offer him a small amount of canned food. Canned food is recommended because of its high water content. If cats are being held for 24 hours or less, there's no need to provide water separately.  
lift the back door of the trap very slowly and allow only a small gap to open (.5 to 1 inch at most). Slide a plastic lid with a little bit of food on it through the gap without putting your hand inside the trap. Always relock the trap door. (If you don't have an isolator device to keep the cat in the back of the trap, and you don't feel you can slide the lid in without the cat trying to escape, or unsure, please roll some pâté into little balls and push through the crate.
- Kittens can be fed right away after they are fully awake. For kittens six months or younger, there's no need to wait eight hours; instead, feed them as soon as they regain consciousness (monitoring for any vomiting) and again eight to twelve hours later.

A copy of the completed Sun City Cats Tracking Sheet / Colony Manager / Caregiver Form will be given to the caregiver for their records once The Animal Services Community Cat Coordinator has completed data input.

Participating private veterinarian clinics will give you the paper work at the same time when retrieving the cat(s).

***Note: The forms should be held in a safe place for your records.***

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR BEST PRACTICES FOR COLONY CARE and BEST PRACTICES: TNR the Basics. Both sheets can be found at our website, [suncitycats.org](http://suncitycats.org).

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at [help@suncitycats.org](mailto:help@suncitycats.org) or contact the SCC volunteer that has been assisting you.