



Anesthesia Restrainer

The Anesthesia Restrainer retrieves cats in traps to be anesthetized, restrains the cats for injection and transfers the cats still in the traps back to the holding cage for observation after they have been anesthetized.

Station Alert

- **Cats should be anesthetized in numerical order.** Be sure to finish one holding room before moving on to the next room.
- **Check each cat for a tipped ear before** the cat receives any anesthesia.

Anesthesia Restrainer Instructions

1. **Retrieve cats in traps to be anesthetized.**
2. **Prepare one female cat for anesthesia for each spay surgeon when the clinic begins if possible.** Thereafter, anesthetize all cats as they arrive, alternating males and females when possible.
3. **Monitor the number of male and female cats who are fully anesthetized at any one time** maintaining close contact with the clinic supervisor to ensure the stations can accommodate the cats without delay.
4. **Remove the trap cover; fold and place on top of the trap** so the cover stays with the trap.
5. **Check the cat for a tipped ear** before the cat receives the anesthesia injection:
 - **If an ear is tipped, do not anesthetize the cat.** Instead, cover the trap, affix a tan “Already Neutered” tag to the handle, and send the cat and its Medical Record to the Veterinary Examination Station.
6. **Gently tip the trap on its end and restrain the cat with a trap divider inserted through the trap.** With the trap positioned vertically on the table, slide the trap divider through the mesh of the trap, angling the trap divider to corner the cat as tightly as possible, allowing the Anesthetist to access a suitable injection site.
7. **Transfer the trap back to the holding cage where the Anesthesia Monitor will closely observe the cat until the cat is fully asleep and can be safely handled.** Place the Medical Record in its plastic sleeve on top of the trap. If the cat is not anesthetized within 15 minutes, advise the Anesthetist. An additional half-dose may be given without seeking approval from the Clinic Supervisor.

All Station Images



Station Closing and Cleanup

When the clinic is concluded all station volunteers are expected to assist in the following:

- Inventory the remaining supplies and repack the supply kits.
- Wipe and **dry** all plastic sleeves inside and out with disinfectant to clean.
- Clean all tables and the holding rooms.
- Clear area of all trash and take full garbage bags to the dumpster.